LETTERS AND MEMOS, JAN-MAY, 1952

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Jidda, Dec. 31, 1951

Dear Tom:

We want to thank you and Mrs. Hart for the very attractive Christmas card. We appreciated cards more than ever this year. We asked our daughter to send us some cards to send out, but perhaps they are still on the way.

Arthur and I are certainly delighted at the progress that you have made in getting personnel out here. It will be fine to have them here and since Bechtel is leaving and Baker has a smaller group, there will be housing. The new house is progressing, back of the Anderson's office and there will be apartments. Dr. Battenfield's wife developed a serious mental condition and he had to take her to France. He may be leaving. We feel very sorry for him. That house might be available.

We had three Christmas carol parties here and went to a number of other parties. It was cold down below 60°, but because they had always entertained on the roofs, they continued to do so. The Jacksons had a big party on their roof and even though I wore a coat, we almost froze, Many of the ladies had fur capes. Arthur wished that he had worn the brown camel's hair robe that the Crown Prince gave him. I haven't forgotten that you and Cannon want head ropes. Do you want the white embroidered head scarf also? I gave Arthur a set for Christmas.

Please tell the ladies that it really gets cold here, 50° and a fur cape or evening wrap is necessary. It makes me mad that the State Department list didn't suggest that since I left one at home. Also tell them to forget about "wash" evening dresses. They can wear here whatever they wear at home - They will need a cocktail-type dress - afternoon dresses of rayone or jersey and plenty of wash dresses for hot weather and for everyday wear all the year round.

There is "silver"? provided, with white handles but they may want to bring their own. There are two sets of dishes. Bob has his own so, those he had and what we had are available. I suggest they bring casseroles, skillets, double boilers, kettles, sauce pans and kitchen spoons, knives, etc. Bob can share some of his things. We can get the government to reimburse them.

They will need table linen and bed spreads, either two singles or a double depending on which they prefer. By that time there be enough bed linen and towels.

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They will want to bring their own glassware, pitchers, toasters, records and record players, if they like music. We soldom bother with the radio and wish that we had put the money into a better record player.

Sometime, you might ask Mr. Awalt to send out a copy of the State Dept's suggestions - so as to have the women out here bring them up to date. Now that they have dry cleaning one doesn't need so many things.

Arthur found he brought out a lot of light weight wash suits that he won't use. In summer they wear the white pants and sport shirts, as you know, and at this time of the year they wear the light weight suits.

We are having Bob get fishing tackle at Bahrain. They will want bathing suits and trunks - single picnic equipment. My leather case holding two thermos bottles and a tin box for lunches is most useful.

Almost all groceries can be gotten at Bechtels. They may want to put seasonings, etc. from their cupboards and extra things that they have on hand.

Vases and book-ends, pictures to help give the place ahomelike air would be good. We didn't bring and had to improvise.

If the Dunaways wnat to bring draperies for the living room they should have three pairs. The finished length should be 82". The walls will probably be light green. We can get what Bob had in the Suk.

There will be blankets available, but we prefer our very light weight St. Mary's blankets that we can use all the year round.

Our best wishes to you and to Mrs. Hart for a very Happy New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Nellie May Young

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American Embassy
Jidda
December 31, 1951

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
TCA
Washington

Dear Tom:

Many thanks for various letters and telegrams from you. Apart from the pleasure of having you here, it was well worth while for you to get at first hand the local picture and the advantages of this are very obvious in recent happenings affecting our work.

First let me say how saddened we all are at the tragic loss of Dr. and Mrs. Bennett and his collegues. Everyone agrees that he was doing a fine job. He will be all the more missed, as will his associates, because the organization is a new one and so much of the planning was undoubtedly in their heads. It makes it harder for the rest of you. But we know you will find means to work out the problems.

I appreciate your getting prompt action on various matters we discussed, and on keeping me so well informed. We look forward to the arrival of Dunaway and Mr. and Mrs. Stacey about February 10. Will they fly or come by boat? It is helpful to know the leaving date in case of any communications. They seem to be very well qualified for the work and will be a fine addition to our personnel.

Najib promises housing for them. The new house back of Anderson's place is moving ahead fast and Najib says he can have that - I hope nothing prevents. He also said that an apartment in the Bechtel quarters would be available. I am trying to get Najib to start several more houses, since otherwise it will be hard to provide adequately for prospective peope. Meanwhile, however, the Gardens Hotel is available, and also there should be quite a bit of space in Bechtel quarters, as Baker & Co. will not have so many men. This latter factor means also that there will be plently of sheets, towels, beds, dressers, chairs, etc., that can be provided. Nellie May will write by ordinary airmail about what the women may wish to bring."

Please let me know the rank in FSR or TCA of those coming. Of course I shall give Dunaway priority on a separate house.

It may be well to convert the bedroom where you stayed with Bob Kennedy into an office for Dunaway, to be in the same building with Bob as both are working on related matters.

Bob could move his office to the desk in his bedroom; and Stacey (or is it"Stacy"as per your telegram?) could take the room where Bob now has his desk. Mrs. Stacey could work in the outer office. I would continue where I am.

Ambassador Hare, after he and I talked over the matter, proposed the preamble as drafted by Mr. Metzger and set out in the circular instruction. We have not yet received any request that would form the basis of a condensed agreement such as we drafted here; and we felt that we should not delay further in getting on ahead of the Jan. 8 deadline. I do not expect any trouble about getting the preamble agreed, though the Foreign Office is sticky about almost everything. They realize that this is nominal and not a new question.

As to the request, we understand that the matter is being actively considered. Husseini has had a recent talk with Najib on it. I think Sheikh Abdullah, however, may be most interested in the gas utilization matter. The Health Minister, Prince Abdullah, is also working on his side of the problem. He seems much interested in two hospitals, one at Riyadh and one near Mecca. He talks of 200 beds but obviously should begin more simply with plans for expansion if, as and when. We hope to have something more tangible before long.

There still is much to be desired in re coordination of Brown's work. He has said nothing to the Ambassador or me about Daugherty's coming. I do not know what Brown plans re housing for him, but have no indication that he would care to give up his office as you thought possible (your undated letter received Dec. 23). Brown says he plans to go into the field Jan. 2 for three or four months.

Recently I met Drake at Brown's place. The forms re his appointment have not yet come. You might check whether they were sent. Bob Kennedy is on the East Coast for two weeks, due back about Jan. 10. I shall look over his mail for the forms in his absence.

Bob is getting a very good start with the customs work and the people all like him very much. This will aid Dunaway. Please see a recent report by Embassy despatch on Bob's work which Dunaway should see. (Probably the despatch is in this pouch).

As to the Bank, I am glad to get your relay of the comments of FRB. Dorsey has written me a little more fully on this. I telegraphed in re wanting Dunaway to sound out Blowers as per the very helpful suggestion in your telegram of Dec. 28. I hope SAG will promptly agree to my general plan.

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Sheikh Abdullah says he likes it, but it is too early to guess it what fom it will finally come out. It is so important in my plan, and could be so helpful here, that I hope Blowers will be available if SAG so wishes.

I wait word as to my transfer to FSR-1, which I understand will be as of Oct. 24. SAG was getting restive about the delay in transferring me - they want Uncle Sam to pay, and of course this was intended all along. So far I have only informed them that I am in course of being transferred, and that it can be retroactive to a date earlier than Dec. 1. My last request for payment to that date led Najib to write and say that he understood the US assummed my pay from the date of the Oct. 3 exchange of notes.

We shall be interested to see what develops in re a TCA director for this country. I have not yet told SAG that I shall not be it, but shall do so when occasion offers - probably when I formallyadvise my transfer. No doubt Dr. Bennett's loss makes it harder for you to come here, much as we should like it.

Dorsey intimated that there might be some question as to Dunaway's health. I note from Who's Who that he is 65. I think you can reassure Dunaway that under conditions at Bechtel (soon to be Baker) compound with air-cooling and sanitation he can live comfortably. Also that he can follow the practice I have found wise here of taking a regular rest after lunch and doing his main work in the morning.

I shall await the dictating machine you are kindly sending. It will be helpful. I suggest that you also ship as soon as you can:

2 Royal typewriters (subject to Mrs. Stacey's approval of make)
1 Adding and calculating machine
1 key for Royal typewriter with dollar sign
(this might come to me by pouch)
Several packages of ordinary typewriting paper and of thin white second sheets, envelopes (plain and airmail) and carbon paper and stenographic notebooks

As to miscellaneous expenses, the Embassy should have some authorization under which I can draw.

We appreciated getting your fine Christmas card. Nellie May joins in greetings to you and Mrs. Hart, also to Cannon.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Arthur

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
January 5, 1952.

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
TCA
Washington, DC

Dear Tom:

This letter will relate to Mr. Brown's mission.

Drake. The forms re his appointment arrived and in Bob Kennedy's absence I opened the letter and gave them to Drake through Brown. Drake is filling them out and will return them through Brown and me. Brown has just suggested to me that he inclines to keep Drake on the payroll of Baker & Co., for SAG's account, indefinitely on the ground that SAG is well able to pay. He says Drake is now effectively on the job. Yet Brown wishes you to go ahead with Drake's clearance so that if there is any hitch as to payments to Drake by SAG via Baker Drake can at once be taken over. Brown says there is no question of his own authority as regards Drake's work - that Drake is fully responsible to him, and Brown thinks the present arrangements should work o.k.

All I can add to the above is that Najib, when recently I asked him of the progress of SAG's request for TCA help, mentioned as one item of special interest to SAG the aid of experts (plural) in running equipment (which he said SAG already had) to drill water wells.

My idea is to go ahead with clearing Drake and when he is eligible for appointment to recheck the matter. But I suggest clearing with Brown before appointing Drake.

Daugherty. Brown has been expecting him this month, but I mentioned your reference recently to March 15 ETA. Brown wants him as soon as possible. Please telegraph his ETA when known. Brown says Najib promised him housing and will speak to Najib again. Brown considers Daugherty an excellent senior man who rates a house here; but says Daugherty would presumably be willing to stay temporarily in Gardens Hotel if necessary.

FAO Mission. Brown feels that the prospects for their usefulness are improved now that Dr. Tuthill has taken over from Van Der Plas. He considers Tuthill perhaps the best man in this whole region as an agricultural economist and botanist. He also thinks well of Smallwood who is the reclamation engineer with Tuthill. Smallwood's special work here is to be on moisture retention of soil, as bearing on use of soil and application of water. Brown feels he has a good working understanding with Smallwood re spheres of work, and says they will work together in locating wells.

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Brown was critical of both Van Der Plas and Burningham and is much happier about FAO's work with their new team.

Brown understands that FAO plans to recruit men in the fields of agronomy and horticulture. Clearly there must be coordination at the top level as to what is done respectively under Point IV and by FAO. I have gathered that SAG formerly at least was not too happy about the FAO set-up, but have no way of knowing at present whether that view now extends to their present personnel. This situation will of course be to the fore in re further requests from SAG as to Point IV aid in these fields.

Brown remarked that with Drake and Daugherty he felt his mission would be fully staffed, and that he has no expansionist ideas.

Brown is about to go to the Taif area for a few weeks - perhaps till about Feb. 1. He will be about five days road travel distant; but will see whether he can arrange to be picked up by plane if need be to be here to welcome Daugherty. I told him I thought he should be here when Daugherty comes in order to start him off.

I spoke with Brown about coordination. He wants to keep direct contact with Geological Survey for technical matters - which I assured him is intended and welcomed. I stressed the necessity for coordination in broad planning and in weighing recommendations involving SAG's spending. I think he realizes this. The main problem I anticipate is to get him to send in adequate reports. I have not pressed, this, however, as I have no formal status at present to call for written reports.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur N. Young

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Jidda
January 6, 1952

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
TCA
Washington

Dear Tom:

I have learned that the pouch due to take my letter of December 31 did not go because of non-arrival of the courier. I am sorry you have not had the letter earlier, especially because Nellie May's comment might have helped Dunaway in some details. But I could not help it.

As you say in your letter of Dec. 21, since received, he could stay temporarily with Bob if his wife is coming later. Of course I want to get a house for him because he rates it.

As to his route and that of others there is a question whether via Beirut is better than via Cairo. The officials at Beirut might be more ready to give courtesies to people in transit. Perhaps someone in Washington can check on this. If I hear anything I shall post you. If Dunaway lands at Alexandria the Consulate there should meet him and help him through customs and to the railway. They did it for me and saved me some grief.

I am interested to hear of Mr. Stratton's possible coming. I presume you will await word as to what happens in re the Jan.8 deadline - which may pose some mean problems if not met. We are doing what we can here to get a favorable decision in time. Also there is the question of SAG's request. There is no reason to my knowledge for doubting that they will request aid, but till they do things will be up in the air.

Sheikh Abdullah is off on a fishing trip and may be gone two weeks or more. I am waiting to see him about the bank and other matters.

I am agreeable to appointment as financial adviser to the ambassador, and as acting TCA director for a temporary 60 day basis without any considerable administrative duties. I am already in fact doing that work. (see p.s.)

Thanks for helping in re the copper wire for the East Coast power plant. I have informed G. V. Johnson of Aramco suggesting that it is now in order to contact Mr. Rowe.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur N. Young

PS. If my appointment as FSR-1 is made as of October 24 as indicated in a recent telegram, I would have no objection to having the appointments as financial adviser to the ambassador and acting TCA director retroactive to or to some 1951 date, as in fact I have been doing the work. (ANY)

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Jidda
January 13, 1952.

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
TCA

Dear Tom:

Once more, my thanks to you for your effective work in getting action on our problems.

Housing. SAG is preparing office space for Point IV work and FAO by converting into offices the new barracks formerly used by Bechtel but which can be spared because Baker & Co. have less personnel. That should make available the air-conditioned houses now used as offices by Brown and FAO, and part of where Bob Kennedy is. Baker & Co. think it may take two months to make ready the offices, but time is uncertain. This is constructive action.

Temporarily I have thought that Mr. and Mrs. Stacy can take the quarters used by you and Cannon. It might work out to be mutually agreeable to them and Bob to convert that into a joint residence and remove all office paraphernalia. Bob could take some meals at the mess, and they could also.

The Gardens Hotel is available and I hear is quite comfortable. It would do temporarily for the Dunaways. The new house back of Bob's and toward the airport is structurally nearly complete, but finishing will take some weeks. Najib promised it to me. He also said that there is an apartment available in the quarters here.

Najib is in Riyadh so I cannot pin down housing more definitely at the moment. But I see no reason why the Stacys and Dunaways cannot arrive about February 10 as you mentioned. Please be sure to give advance information whether the ladies are coming with their husbands.

Personnel. I got a good letter from Stacy. Please tell him I shall reply when I can, and appreciate his attitude of helpfulness. With no secretary I pound out these letters myself - and I have been busy lately.

Please telegraph Daugherty's ETA when known. I do not know what Brown intends re housing. As Brown is about to go into the field I shall clear with Najib re this housing when I know the ETA. ETA should be subject to my reply. (I have felt Brown should tell me of his housing plans so have not asked him).

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I know of a chance to get another secretary, who will be needed as the work develops, perhaps for Blowers or the TCA director, if not for the finance mission. Mrs. Diana Gatehouse George (age 33) is wife of Michael George who is in the Baker Co. Work. Her address is 2623 Grandview Ave., Ambridge, Pa. He says she has civil service status. The problem is housing. Under Baker's policy George does not rate housing for himself and wife and their manager obviously cannot provide it. Further he (W.L.Anderson) says he would oppose SAG giving the Georges housing in the compound, but would give George a mess allowance if they live elsewhere. George has tentatively found housing and I am awaiting confirmation. Several questions arise. Could she be engaged on a 90 day basis pending clearing? George would pay her transport out, but could this be repaid if and when she is cleared? Could she get transport back to US if cleared and engaged and if she stays the necessary period? Could she get a housing allowance from the US? George syas she is a capable and experienced secretary. It looks like a good proposition, if we can work it out.

What about my own appointment?

Program. Sheikh Abdullah has asked my help in drawing up his request. I can do this in my capacity as a SAG employee; and can informally help in my other capacity. I am awaiting appointment with HRH Prince Abdullah the Minister of Health and Education. I shall advise you.

Many thanks for the Hughes books which I await with anticipation.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur N. Young

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C/O American Embassy
Jidda
January 14, 1952

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
TCA
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Tom:

Of special importance to me is the prospective visit of George A. Blowers about February 1 or a little earlier. I gather that he may be interested in coming here to be the first governor of the new bank if all goes well. You readily can appreciate how important it is for this to go well. It is basic to the whole program.

I received an indication that salary may be of considerable weight in affecting his decision. I therefoe should appreciate learning what salary and allowances he got as manager of the Bank of Monrovia in Liberia, and as governor of the Ethiopian State Bank. Of course I can ask him when he comes; but if I can get the information via you it would be better. Perhaps someone in the Department or in Federal Reserve would know.

Also it would be helpful to know what he now gets from the International Monetary Fund. This I think is free of US taxes.

The only comparable positions of which I know are Bennett's, as successor to Blowers in Ethiopia; and John Exter's, as governor of the Reserve Bank of Ceylon. If I could learn what they are getting it would help. If there are other similar posts now held by Americans it would help me to know what they are - as bearing on convincing SAG to engage a good man here.

I am assuming that SAG ought to pay Blowers, as this should be a continuing job and I think he should be directly responsible to them. Undoubtedly they will ask my views on salary; and the data mentioned would help me to reply. I shall much appreciate a short telegraphic reply through the Embassy.

I can see that exemption of a non-resident from US income tax is an inducement.

I am sending a copy of this to John Park Young so that he can call you if he has any suggestions. He leaves soon for Chile.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur N. Young

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C/O American Embassy
Jidda
January 14, 1952

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
TCA

Dear Tom:

In case Blowers is not available to come here as governor of the proposed new bank George H. Greene, Jr., may be available. He graduated at U. of Michigan, 1928, and took an M.A. there in 1929. He was with National City Bank of N.Y. 1929-49, except for leave to work with OSS during the war and with ECA in 1948-49 as Chief of the Industrial Reconstruction Division of the ECA China Mission. Most of his bank service was in China. He was President of the American Junior Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai; Chairman of Board of Managers of Shanghai American School; and a director of the US Educational Foundation in China. He lately was president of the Committee for a Free Asia, Inc., 245 California Street, San Francisco.

I just got word that Greene was to leave the Free Asia work January 1 last, to be succeeded by Alan Valentine, former price stablizer. I gather that the sponsors of the Free Asia work wanted someone who was better than Greene in the field of public relations. Just what was involved in the shift I do not know. I suggest checking with L. K. Little, former Inspector General of Customs in China, who has been serving as New York representative of Committee for a Free Asia. I have full confidence in Little's judgment. Little's New York address is Committee For a Free Asia, 720 Park Avenue, New York 17. Little may be temporarily absent in Formosa.

Mr. Charles F. Thomas, former vice president of National City Bank and in charge of their Far Eastern branches but now retired, wrote to me September 24:

> "I think very highly of George Greene.....Of course I do not know whether he will be interested in undertaking the assignment which you suggest but I think he would be excellent man for the job. George was always hard-working, and, as you say, has a good personality and broad interests....I cannot recommend him too highly."

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Mr. Thomas may be reached c/o Mrs. Frank Vanderlip, Beechwood, Scarborough-on-Hudson, N.Y. He has been ill.

Regardless of whether Greene is approached for the bank job, I think he should be on your list for other work. With your expansion you are undoubtedly are in need of good men for a variety of jobs. You may care to write to him and ask him to file a "who's who", saying that there may be some opening. You may mention that I suggested that he might be available. But I would not mention the bank job yet, as I hope to get Blowers.

Incidentally there should be a central list of men who might be available who are qualified for foreign work and various special jobs in the Department's field. Perhaps it already exists.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur N. Young

Jidda, Feb. 4, 1952.

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Dr. Thomas A. Hart
TCA
Washington

Dear Tom:

I have sent today two important telegrams re the program in Agriculture in which respectively I describe and comment on the FAO program for Saudi Arabia. There is not much to add. Tothill took the line that the January 30 agreements grow naturally out of the September 28, 1950, agreement which broadly sets out FAO's program. I recall that Brown felt that this encroached on his field and got the suspension or cancellation in effect of some clauses in it.

Husseini says that Tothill made the drafts before Dodd came. It is strange that with Brown and me living and working in buildings adjoining him he did not first check on what we planned. Tothill consulted Husseini just before Dodd came. Husseini felt that the agreement for a research institute and related activities was just for Gizan and would not duplicate paragrpah two of my draft dated January 17. But when I told him of the plan of Tothill to extend the work through all of SA he realized its effect if implemented on what we have contemplated. He wonders, however, how far FAO will implement it.

I enclose a copy of a letter Tothill wrote to Rome re certain matters of cooperation. I trust you will be in accord with what I said about exchange of data.

Also I enclose a short note of what Tothill told me about his view of the water problem, etc.

I hope that close cooperation between TCA and FAO <u>before</u> the event will be established. When I asked Tothill to come to see me - a talk which led to his telling me of the new agreements - I had intended to ask him what they planned as a guide to formulation of our program. Instead I learned they had gone ahead. Dodd came here ahead of schedule - he was due between the 25th and 30th per word to the Embassy - and on the 22nd neither Mr. Hare or I was here. When I returned on the 24th Dodd had gone, being here only one day. Dodd asked for the Ambassador, but of course should have seen Mr. Abbey who was in charge.

I enclose a tabulation by subjects of the FAO program for aid, my proposal and yours. I drew up this for reference. Actually the field is so large that for example FAO research and teaching of a given subject would not preclude TCA extension work re it. Or there could be geographic division of work. But clearly coordination needs to be worked out.

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Here I am dealing with a field in which I am far from expert, and need guidance.

Finally I enclose a draft of the public health program in the form of a letter which Mr. Hare and I expect soon to be able to discuss with Prince Abdulla Feisal.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Arthur N. Young
Acting Director, TCA
in Saudi Arabia

P.S. SAG plans an office for liaison with TCA and FAO. The plan has been written down, a budget approved and everything seemed set when the Finance Minister went to Dhahran about January 15. But there has been no definitive order to go ahead.

Husseini is slated to be in charge of that office. It would be located in the building in Baker Compound in which TCA would have offices.

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F.A.O. Office
P. O. Box 327
Gedda
February 2, 1952.

Acting Technical Assistance Officer
Economic Division
F. A. O. Rome

Dear Mr. Ward

I have today had a two hour discussion with Dr. Young, the Financial Representative of Point 4 in this country, and also Acting Director of Point 4 activities in Saudi Arabia.

As it is essential that Point 4 and F.A.O. work here be properly coordinated so that neither overlap nor friction between personnel be permitted to develope, we went over in some detail the five agreements now signed by F.A.O. and the Government. We did not however traverse the Point 4 programme for the coming year because Dr. Young does not yet know the details.

Arising out of the discussion Dr. Young suggests that he be furnished in due course with copies of all our agreements to enable him to assist in coordinating the two programmes. Will you please therefore send me an extra set of the five already signed; and also of Number 6, about date packing, when it has been duly drafted, agreed and signed.

In this connection are these Agreements sent as routine to the Point 4 programme planners in Washington?

Dr. Young also suggests that it would be useful to arrange for a full exchange of specialists reports as between Point 4 and F.A.O. As this would clearly be all to the good will you please send to this Office as routine two extra copies of each of our Final Reports for the local Point 4 files. Dr. Young undertakes to reciprocate.

Dr. Young also suggests that it might be a good plan for F.A.O. to send copies of all our Specialist's reports to the head office of Point 4 in Washington. I do not know the existing liaison arrangements and perhaps this is routine procedure.

There is no copy in our Office of El Bakr's report on Dates. Will you please send me 6 copies including one for the Department, and one for Point 4.

Yours sincerely

J. D. Tothill

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Comment by Tothill supplementing summary of agreements

FAO intend to have a look at the various oases. The basic problem is water, and the question is whether to develop and distribute it by dams or by drawing on ground water.

Dams involve a new system of distribution to supplant the well-established local systems. As a first step in many areas the present dikes and diversion embankments should be made permanent - as now they are washed away by any heavy rain and flood.

Dams may deprive areas lower down of ground water. This problem involves study to determine rainfall, volume of floods, run-off, silt content of water, etc. This study is prerequisite to right decisions, i.e., dams vs. ground water etc.

FAO intends to concentrate this year on these problems.

Ferris of FAO did a general survey of Gizan soils. FAO contemplates that the Soil expert they plan to get will do more detailed work on Wadi Gizan.

Mr. Tothill is convinced that the kind of fertilizers needed are nitrogen fertilizers. He thinks that there is comparatively little need for them in Saudi Arabia, hence he would rather rely upon crop rotation to provide nitrogen. The main use of any fertilizers produced here would be for export to Egypt, Pakistan, India, etc.

(Signed) Arthur N. Young

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February 3, 1952.

COMPARISON OF PLANS FOR TECHNICAL AID TO SAUDI ARABIA IN FIELDS RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

NOTE: The F.A.O. plan involves as the first step a research institute and training school at Gizan together with development of Wadi Gizan. Substations of the institute would gradually be extended throughout the country. The school would have six Arab teachers. Development of a program of extension work would seem to be an implication of the plan.

While the subjects in the plans compared are largely the same, FAO would initially stress research and teaching whereas the other two proposals would stress field work. But research without field work would have little meaning; nor could field work proceed adequately apart from research.

(signed) Arthur N. Young

Subject	FAO Agreements 1/30/52	Proposal of Young per letter 1/17/52 and subsequent tel.	Proposal of Hart per letter 1/17/52
Entomology	X	X	
Mycology		X	
Botany	X		
Horticulture	X	X	X
Date Culture	X		
Animal Husbandry	X	X	X
Animal Diseases	X		
Soil Analysis	X	X	X
Chief of agricultural Field Party	X(agronomist)		X
Agricultural Extension	Seems to be covered locally by plan for agricultural institute, training school and Arab teachers	X	X
Farm Equipment			X
Improvement of field Crops and pasture lands		X	
Experimental farm Manager	X		

SUBJECT	FAO Agreements 1/30/52	Proposal of Young per letter 1/17/52 and sub.tel.	Proposal of Hart per ltr 1/17/52
Irrigation Engineer	X	Covered in plan for continuation and expansion of Brown's work.	
Engineering geologist	X		
Fisheries	X		
Fertilizer Plant (waste gas and refinery products)	X		X

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Jidda, February 5, 1952

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Dr. Thomas A. Hart
TCA
Washington

Dear Tom:

Many thanks for your letter of January 17 in which you inform me of many things re staff and program. I am writing separately re agriculture, supplementing my two telegrams, and re other phases of the program. Here I shall deal with staff etc.

Office We plan to move this week to the new building, and are reserving there two rooms for Dr. Stratton and his secretary. The office of SAG's proposed liaison office is likely to be there and perhaps FAO. There seems to be no room to move Brown with all his equipment.

Houses. Temporarily I am suggesting that the Stacys go in with Kennedy. If mutually agreeable that could continue. The new house should be ready for Dunaway soon after he arrives. Please telegraph whether Mr. Krock is married and bringing his wife, or coming to be alone, as soon as he is appointed - or similarly in case another man is coming as accountant. I assume Dr. Stratton will bring his wife. Please confirm. Also we shall need to find a house for Dougherty and later for others. I shall take up all of this when Najib returns, probably within a few days.

Secretary. You refer to Mrs. Stacy's rank and suggest that we apply for local appointment at not less than GS-7 or FSS-9. (page 2). On page 3 you refer both to FSS-9 and FSS-10. Mr. Abbey tells me that salary ranges are:

FSS-9	$4290-5190
" 10	3930-4830
" 11	3570-4290

Mr. Abbey says that if she has a grade out of line with people doing similar work in the Embassy it will hurt their morale. Of course I should like to see her get as high a rating as her training and responsibility will justify; but Mr. Abbey's view also has to be considered. Of her actual experience and past rating I know only in general. Mr. Abbey suggested FSS-11 at the top salary. The above figures may not include the latest raises. Please let me know your views promptly since I shall want to act when she arrives - tentatively about February 19.

Brown, Jackson and Daugherty. You mention that Brown is now GS-13 and Jackson GS-11 but also refer to them as TCA-4 and TCA-5 respectively (page 3). Does that mean that they are being transferred to TCA? I think that they now are paid directly by Geological Survey. Would that mean that the Embassy here would pay them? I gather that Brown would prefer to continue directly under Geological Survey. If a change is to be made it might be better that it await Dr. Stratton's arrival as Brown already has indicated to me that this is a touchy subject and a fresh arrival might be in better position to handle it.

Administration. I covered in my telegram a few days ago my thoughts on most phases of this. There just is not enough housing or office space to provide for more than the director and a secretary, and perhaps one assistant for administration if he becomes necessary. While I plan to set up an office in the new building, I may have to move back to my residence if that is advisable to permit the central offices of TCA, FAO and SAG Liaison to be under one roof. We shall need 5 rooms for five experts plus one for reception, total 6. Stratton will need two. SAG Liaison and FAO will need at least two each. That totals 12 - and there are just 12 rooms. If SAG or FAO need another room I may move back to my residence, or we may otherwise save space. If later an administrative man is needed by Stratton he could share a room with the secretary. You know how tight the housing situation is and we shall have trouble to provide for the experts. In any event I think that Stratton plus a secretary can handle the situation now in prospect, especially as the Embassy is preparing to handle ordinary administrative services including accounts and pay.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur N. Young
Acting Director, TCA
in Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
February 6, 1952.

Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Tom:

I shall be grateful if you will ask someone in your office to try to get for our office here a copy of the "Report of the United States Agricultural Mission to Saudi Arabia" submitted in 1943 by K. S. Twitchell, Consulting Engineer, A. L. Walthen, Office of Indian Affairs of the Interior Department, and J. G. Hamilton, Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture. Mr. Twitchell may now be in Washington. He is the author of the book of which you know. I have no knowledge of where the other two may be.

Mr. Brown has photostats of pages 1-20, 45-57 and 89-147, which he has loaned to me. The missing parts relate mainly to agriculture. A copy cannot be found in the Embassy. Its files have long been in disorder and Mr. Hare has been trying to get a filing team to come here to straighten them out.

Possibly one of the members of the Mission could supply a copy. Or the missing pages could be photostated. The photostats here are 5 x 8".

Also there is an excellent report prepared last May by Abu Izzedin on Saudi Arab education, and the proposed commercial school. If that has been reproduced there should be a copy in the TCA office here. The Embassy has only one copy. I think Fred Awalt would know whether there are spare copies.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur N. Young

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American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
February 9, 1952.

Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Tom:

Allowances for TCA men in Saudi Arabia

Brown and Jackson are getting from Michael Baker, Inc. an allowance for living expenses of $129 dollars per month, against which is charge the cost of groceries and other supplies gotten from the commissary. This is done in pursuance of an arrangement Brown made with Najib Bey Salha, Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance. Brown has indicated to me that they get no cost of living allowance from Geological Survey, as do those under the State Department. On an annual basis Brown and Jackson get thus an allowance of 1548 dollars, which is in the general range of what they would get if given cost of living allowance.

If Brown and Jackson are transferred to TCA and get cost of living allowance, continuance of the 129 dollars monthly would put them in a favored position as compared with other TCA personnel. It would add correspondingly to their total receipts. Hence it would seem either that this should be cancelled in such event, or that a like allowance be given to all TCA personnel if SAG agrees.

Pertinent considerations are:

1. The basic agreement of January 17, 1951, provides (Art.1, 1) for separate project agreements which as per Art. III, 1 shall set out "the contribution of each party." There is no formal agreement as to the natural resources program, only a verbal agreement which Brown considers is working satisfactorily. There is, however, a formal agreement for the

financial work (exchange of notes of September 25/October 3, 1951) which provides that the US is to pay salareis and allowances and travel to and from the US, and SAG is to provide housing and furniture, offices and equipment, secretaries and translators and local transport. Since nothing is said about allowances like Brown's 129 dollars, I decided when Kennedy came here that I should not ask SAG for such an allowance - after gathering from Brown with much difficulty that apparently he got no cost of living allowance as did Kennedy.

2. I have recently learned that FAO's basic agreement with SAG dated September 28, 195-, provides (Art. III (b) (i) that SAG shall assume "such part of the cost of the technical assistance to be provided under this Agreement as can be paid for in local currency, or otherwise, to the following extent:

"(i) Full subsistence expenses of the personnel, including board and lodging, as well as incidental expenses at the daily rate of 12 dollars or its equivalent per person. For twelve months this would be equivalent to 4380 dollars for each expert."

The agreement also provides for SAG to assume medical care and hospitalization.

Now that the TCA program is expanding, a decision is called for on whether TCA should seek an arrangement as favorable in re allowances as that of FAO. I do not know one pertinent factor, namely, the level of compensation of FAO men. If that is materially lower than that of TCA men of similar caliber, the greater allowances might be an offset for FAO. Both FAO and TCA may be recruiting in similar fields, and if FAO can offer better compensation TCA recruiting would be harder. A factor on the other side is that SAG provides houses for TCA families, and it seems at least tacitly understood that FAO men do not bring families here. I imagine that SAG would be quite ready to treat TCA as well as FAO.

I think that SAG would readily agree to provide medical care and hospitalization. They could readily do this at the new clinic in the Baker Compound, and it would be a great advantage to TCA personnel.

A futher question is whether, if a new arrangement should be made on the subject, it should be retroactive in the case of Kennedy and myself. In my own case, when I asked Bechtel for a commissary bill at the end of the first month after arrival last summer, they stated that SAG had instructed them that it should be charged to SAG. If the decision is against asking for subsistence allowances for TCA personnel, or, if they are arranged, against making them retroactive, I would of course pay all such charges as from the date of my transfer from the rolls of SAG to US rolls, October 24, 1951. I hesitate meanwhile to open this subject because it has a bearing on the matters here raised for decision.

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Finally, it is necessary to take into account the position of TCA staff relative to the Embassy. If they are drastically out of line, a morale problem would be likely to arise.

I shall appreciate it if the problems are considered and dis cussed with Dr. Stratton so that he can take it up if desired after his arrival. Or you can advise me the decision. Obviously the decision involves policy as to what is being done or may be done in other areas.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)
Arthur N. Young,
Acting Director, TCA,
in Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
February 9, 1952

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
TCA
Washington, D. C.

Dear Tom:

Dunaway arrived yesterday in good order and I have gotton word of the Stacy's coming February 19 via Beirut and Air Liban. I much appreciate your efforts in getting action about our mission, and look forward to early word about the accountant.

Dunaway tells me of another complication about my own appointment, namely, that a Foreign Service Reserve Officer apparently cannot get the hardship post allowance, which is 25% of salary at Jidda. When my coming here was under consideration the compensation to be paid to me by SAG pending transfer to the US rolls was figured on the basis of what I would later get. I have here the figures written down in Mr. Awalt's office after consulting the personnel office. These show basic salary of $12,000, 25% differential of $3,000 and cost of living allowance of $2,310 - total $17,310. On the basis of that it was arranged for SAG to pay me at the rate of $1,200 salary and $250 living allowance per month - total $17,400 yearly. It was the policy that SAG should pay only about what the US would pay until FBI clearance arranged.

If I were put at the top of FSS-1, $10,330 the total including 25% allowance would still be $2,087.50 short of the total it was stated that I would get.

All of the above calculations disregard the increased pay added by a later law - which I assume should be forthcoming in any event.

Unless there is some way to add the 25% under FSR, it may be the solution to let me be TCA-1. In fact the designation "TCA-1" is written on the slip of paper given me in Mr. Awalt's office. He is quite familiar with the circumstances.

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I am sorry to troube you with another administrative problem. Until it is settled, however, I cannot draw up my income tax, so I hope something definite can be fixed so I can make the June 15 deadline for persons abroad!

The paying officer at the Embassy here says that no "pay card" for me has come. Probably the foregoing is the explanation.

I might also mention a faint possibility - though quite likely it is no longer possible. Formerly persons could be transferred to the regular foreign service on the basis of at least five years service in the Department. I served there as the Economic Adviser for nearly seven years continuously in 1922-29. That may be too long ago.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur N. Young
Acting Director, TCA
in Saudi Arabia

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c/o U. S. Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

March 11, 1952

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
Technical Cooperation Administration
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Tom:

I remember that you expressed a wish that I should write you fully and frankly, particularly giving you my first impressions. This therefore may be a long and rambling letter, but it will bring you up-to-date with my activities since leaving New York.

Tuesday in New York I had luncheon with Mr. Kidd of the Aramco company and with two of his associates. We had a long and frank discussion and I believe it was at that time that I first learned that SAG has a relatively large financial commitment for its military program. I was warned that this would be used as a possible reason for SAG pleading poverty when it comes to putting into operation certain projects.

Tuesday evening had dinner with a Mr. Williams, whom we met, and who is now Office Counsel in the British Embassy in New York, but one time in the British foreign service and for some time in the Middle East. He had lived in Iraq and Iran and provided me with further interesting background on the Middle East. He knew a fair amount about the locust problem and told me of the British set-up in Jidda for the control of locusts.

Wednesday morning I had breakfast with the Saudi Arabian Ambassador, Shaikh Asad Al-Faqih, who flew up from Washington to see me. As you know, he is a very gracious and intelligent person and was extremely friendly. I invited him to lunch with Mrs. Stratton and me at the University Club, but he insisted that we lunch with him at the Barkley, which we did. As you can imagine, he sent his car for us and also had his car take us to the air terminal after luncheon.

Our plane was several hours late arriving in Paris, but we were met there by an Embassy car which facilitated our getting through the Customs and getting to the Hotel Claridge where we stayed. We had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Harriman.

Harriman is with MSA and has rather a top job there. I saw him the next day and we had a very good chat about MSA and TCA relationships and problems. Although MSA has no mission in Saudi Arabia, apparently they are interested in it as a strategic materials area.

The next evening we dined with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill. Hill holds a top position with the International Bank. He was formerly Associate Editor of the London Economist and is particularly well-informed on Near Eastern economics and general affairs. He has been working closely with the Iranian-British oil dispute.

At Rome we were courteously met by Mr. Paul Geyer of the American Embassy. Room had been reserved for us at the Mediterranea Hotel. At 9 the next morning I met with Mr. Tetro and Mr. Cottan at the Embassy. They were very courteous and helpful and arranged an appointment for me with Mr. Karl Olsen. We discussed in general the FAO-TCA relationships with regard to Saudi Arabia. I spent the entire day at FAO and talked with the tollowing people: F. T. Wahlen, Director of the Agricultural Division, and later, Ralph W. Phillips, Deputy Director. A meeting was then set up which included T. E. Ritchie, L. E. Kirk, J. L. Buck, John H. Southern, and Fred F. Lininger. Later in the day I talked with Mr. James Adams.

After a very pleasant luncheon with Sir Herbert Broadly, Deputy Director of FAO, I talked with a Dr. Fiedler with regard to the fisheries project being undertaken by FAO. It seemed to be perfectly clear that this project represents a completed agreement between SAG and FAO. They will charter a boat and I believe they have engaged the necessary experts to survey the possibilities of the fishing industry being established in the Red Sea. I assured him that in this event TCA would make no effort to duplicate their activities.

I also spent some time with Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel. I believe he is Director or Deputy Director of the Economics Section of the Agricultural Division. In general, what we did was to go over the agreement which came out of our general meeting in Washington. I must report that at the meeting in Rome there was some quibbling about that agreement. In general, I got the feeling that FAO is an aggressive group and would prefer to do all the work in Saudi Arabia that has to do with agriculture in the broadest sense of the term. I made no concessions with regard to that agreement, however. I felt sure that at the top level with Sir Herbert, and also with Mr. Phillips, there seemed to be no concern lest TCA undertake activities presumably blocked out by FAO. I did get the impression that Dr. Glen Brown has good relations with the FAO field geologists and that they have come to a working understanding which will prevent duplication of efforts. I am not yet in a position to judge the respective standing of TCA and FAO with SAG. I have heard conflicting rumors since I have been here. Perhaps I am mistaken, but frankly I think one result of my visit in Rome may be a definite speed-up of FAO operations in Saudi Arabia. As you know, at the moment their plans are on paper, but now I think there will be a tendency to get them into action as soon as possible. I am sure nothing I said brought on this result, but merely the fact of my presence.

We arrived in Beirut at about 3 o'clock in the morning, but we were again met by Embassy car and taken to the Palm Beach Hotel, where a room had been reserved for us. As you know, Beirut is a perfectly beautiful city. The next day I called at the Embassy and was pleased to find that Mr. Louis Bresson is Eddie Locke's assistant there. I knew Bresson very well in WPB. He was most helpful to us and we had the use of Locke's car and chauffeur while in Beirut. I, of course, called on Eddie in the hospital twice during the time that we were there. We had some very interesting long conversations. I shall only say briefly that he is very much interested in the extension of the railroad from Riyadh to the Red Sea. I am sure that when he returns from Washington he will come to Jidda and I think he hopes to be in a position to really help us get started on the railroad project.

In Beirut we lunched with Col. and Mrs. Eddy; on another day with Mr. and Mrs. Osborne of Aramco, and met several other Aramco officials. I also had a very pleasant visit with Dr. Penrose, President of American University of Beirut. He said that in Lebanon they have Point-4 funds which will take care of twenty-four full scholarships for Saudi Arabian students. At present they had received no nominees who were qualified academically for admission.

In Jidda, as you can imagine, we have met many pleasant people already. Sunday we had luncheon with the Gary Owens. I believe he is the top Aramco man in Jidda. Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel were there and I found Mr. Bechtel very well informed and a very interesting person to talk with about Point-4 problems in this country. He informed me that Bechtel had already made a preliminary survey of the railroad situation and suggested that later I get in touch with a Mr. English who will be here a few days and who, I believe, was in charge of that preliminary survey.

You briefed me very accurately on Ambassador Hare and others whom I have met. The Youngs have been most kind and I believe that things will work out well eventually in my relationships with Dr. Young. Yesterday morning the Ambassador, Mr. Young and I called on Tahir Bey Radwan in the Foreign Office. It was in part a protocol call and in part an attempt to speed up this question of locust control. The Ambassador wishes to get something in writing from SAG before we get in touch with Mabee at Teheran.

I have been unable to do much more because I understand that for protocol reasons I should meet the Finance Minister, Shaikh Abdullah Sullaiman, before discussing concrete plans and projects with lesser Government officials. Mr. Hare hopes to set up an appointment for me with the Finance Minister on Tuesday, March 11. On Friday of this week I am dining at the Ambassador's and will at that time meet Prince Faisal.

I'd rather get this long letter off to you than give you a lot more detail about our experiences here. I will only say in general

that the weather has been excellent and everyone very cordial, so that our first impression of Jidda was very favorable. I shall write you very soon in regard to the locust problem and other matters. With all best wishes to you and to Si Freyer,

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton, Country Director
Technical Cooperation Administration
for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

P.S. I was somewhat surprised to learn that on my arrival Mr. Young had suggested to you that Miss Swearengen should not come to Jidda. I told him that this was not in accordance with my desires and planned to cable you, when the Embassy received a cable stating that Miss Swearengen would depart from Cairo to Jidda on March 14. The cable said nothing about Miss Roberts, so I do not know if she is arriving at the same time or not. Later I shall write you more about the office and housing space problems. In the meantime, I hope you will do everything possible to speed up delivery of the office equipment which Mr. Young has requisitioned.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS - INFORMAL

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
March 16, 1952.

Dear Tom:

The following report will bring you up-to-date with matters as they now stand:

I. PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1952 AND FISCAL YEAR 1953

On Tuesday, Ambassador Hare presented me to the Finance Minister, Abdullah Sullaiman. After exchange of formalities, we discussed a program of Technical Cooperation for Fiscal Year 1952 and the request that this program be continued and developed during Fiscal Year 1953. The requests were to ask for contination of existing programs in finance and natural resources, plus new and expanded programs under the following headings:

a. Natural Resources Development
(including survey of mineral resources)

b. Agriculture
(pointing out need for coordination with FAO)

c. Communications
(including survey of route and economic possibilities of Riyadh and Jidda railway)

d. Aerial Map

The Finance Minister expressed the wish to have this program in writing at our earliest convenience.

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The following day we met with Najib Bey, Deputy Finance Minister. The Ambassador presented him the requests in a form for the Finance Minister to sign so that we could proceed with more specific negotiations. Subsequently, we tried for another appointment with the Finance Minister but were informed that he was ill. We shall continue to keep in touch with Najib Bey and in every way possible try to expedite signing of this request for technical cooperation.

II. PUBLIC HEALTH

We called on Prince Abdullah Fiasal, Minister of Public Health and Interior, and presented to him for appropriate action the request from the Saudi Arabian Government to TCA for public health services, including planning and establishing health centers, one or more hospitals, and a public health laboratory.

The request also indicated the need for a broad survey of public health problems. The over-all request also covered vocational training and a general survey of educational problems in a view to presenting a coordinated plan which would include the selection of students for professional training at the university level.

We now await the receipt of this document which we assume must have the approval of his father, Prince Fiasal, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Friday evening, Mrs. Stratton and I dined with the Hares and Prince Fiasal and his son, Prince Abdullah, but at that time did not discuss the TCA program except in a general way.

III. LOCUST CONTROL

We discussed this whole problem of locust control with Deputy Finance Minister, Tahir Ridwan, and left with him a definite document by which the SAG would request the necessary arrangements for

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bringing planes and men into northeast Saudi Arabia. Again, until this document is signed and presented to Ambassador Hare, the Ambassador does not think we can do anything further.

SUMMARY

In summary, we have placed these three matters with the appropriate documents and statements into the hands of the appropriate ministers, and apparently now can only keep pushing them for action. This, at least, is a report of progress.

Ambassador Hare has been extremely cooperative and helpful, and we plan to work very closely together in our attempts to get a program into action.

IV. VISIT FROM MESSRS. CHAILLE AND MC MILLAN FROM WASHINGTON WITH REGARD TO PROCUREMENT OF ADEQUATE HOUSING

These gentlemen discussed with the Ambassador and later with me the problems of securing adequate housing for TCA personnel. They left with us a document which authorizes us ("to the extent that the SAG is unable to supply quarters directly") to lease suitable living quarters, to repair same if necessary, and to provide furnishings and equipment. We were authorized to proceed with such government leasing without further references to the Department, subject to certain limitations.

Funds for these purposes would be chargeable to TCA program funds in the TCA program allotment in Appropriation 19-1121-000.

19-1121-000.

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See change to 19-1121-119

For your information, Mr. Chaille expressed the opinion that the Country Director for SAG should be provided with a much better establishment than the prefab house which presumbably will be assigned to him when vacated. He seemed to feel that the provision for the Country Director for SAG was not at all in line with provisions made for Country Directors in other countries.

I pointed out to Mr. Chaille that it was our hope that SAG would provide adequate housing for a TCA staff. However, if such housing is not forthcoming or if there is to be a delay of several months in providing it, I may attempt to work out some lease arrangements for an interim period.

I shall be glad to have your comments on this matter.

V. HOUSING AND PERSONNEL

I have talked with Najib Bey with regard to housing and also cars. At the moment, I have neither house nor car. We are living in the Gardens Hotel and on occasion I borrow Dr. Young's car.

I am more concerned, however, with providing housing for the staff. Mr. Dunaway moved into a house today, but it is without refrigerator, stove, or air conditioning. I wont go into the details about our immediate housing problems for I plan to see Janib Bey and Fahoum as soon as possible. I tried to see them both yesterday but without success. I do know that they are planning seven new houses and an apartment house. The question, of course, is how soon the plans will turn into reality.

Miss Swearingen's housing problem will be solved this week and I believe Miss Roberts can be accomodated in the same apartment with Miss Swearingen and Miss Gess, who works at the Embassy. At the moment, I see no house for Iangdon who is married. I do not know of any plans for housing Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty, but perhaps Dr. Brown has something in mind. He is still in the field.

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Brown and Jackson occupy a house for an office. If our new office building is available within 60 days, it would seem unwise to move all of their equipment into our present office quarters, although with crowding this might be possible.

FAO occupies a house for an office on the compound which I would assume would be released when our new office building is completed. Perhaps it should be assumed that this house would be occupied by FAO personnel.

At the moment, I am counting on the arrival of Miss Roberts and Mr. Betzig and the Doughertys. Until we can get a better picture of housing, I am not prepared to ask for further staff. I do not mean that this report on housing should be too pessimistic until I have had further conference with Najib Bey and Fahoum.

VI. ORGANIZATION

From the time of my arrival, it became clear to me that there was some misunderstanding with regard to the organizational set up and the responsibility and the authority of the Country Director.

I reviewed carefully Mr. Fryer's letter to me, dated February 20, 1952, which seems to indicate that "all personnel" performing activities under the TCA program would work under my "administration, direction and supervision". I have with me a hectographed document dated 11.15.51 titled "Country Director of Technical Cooperation for Saudi Arabia(Saudi Arabia being written in in pencil). This document also spells out very clearly duties and responsibilities of the Country Director. Among other statements is the following: "(g.) Assigns responsibilities to all technical and administrative personnel regularly assigned or temporarily attached to Technical Cooperation service."

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In a document entitled "TCA Point 4 Country Program Authorization (Authorization No. 030-470. Change Order 2) appears the following statement: "Country program for Saudi Arabia is intended to provide technical guidance in the fields of Natural Resources, Transportation and Communication, Public Administration and Government Services, Health and Sanitation, Education and Agriculture."

Pages 4 and 5 of this document indicate that "U.S. technicians employed in any of the technical services will be responsible to the appropriate chief of the Field Party who is in turn under the direct supervision of the Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia." Again follows a discussion of "field parties" which includes Natural Resources, Transportation and Communication, Public Administration and Government Services, Health and Sanitation, Education and Agriculture. It is my interpretation from these documents that chief of the Natural Resources area is Dr. Glen Brown, and the Chief of the Public Administration and Government Services area is Dr. Arthur N. Young. It is my assumption, based on these documents, that these chiefs are responsible to me and that in turn their staffs are responsible to them.

The misunderstanding seems to stem from a feeling that Dr. Brown is only in some vague way associated with the office of the Country Director. In regard to Dr. Young, I note he now signs letters "Financial Advisor to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia." I may be mistaken but it is my impression that he feels his work is not a program project coming under the set up of the country program but rather he and his staff constitute a financial advising agency under the Saudi Arabian government.

I discussed this organization matter with the Ambassador, and I believe that we are in agreement that as soon as possible there should be clear understanding as to our organizational set up. Both the Ambassador and I wish to have a smooth-working and harmonious organization, and it is my hope that we can work it out without further instructions from Washington.

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On the other hand, if my interpretation as presented to you in this letter is in error, please inform me at once. My only wish is to know the extent of my responsibilities and to have adequate authority to carry them out.

It has not been my intention to write you a pessimistic report. We have been, in fact, enjoying Jidda and all of the pleasant and friendly people here. We are very happy to have Miss Swearningen, and despite the problems that I've pointed out, I believe we are getting off to a good start.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Director Technical Cooperation
in Saudi Arabia

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
Technical Cooperation Administration
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS - INFORMAL

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
March 18, 1952.

Dear Tom:

This, of necessity, must be brief note as I am on my way for an appointment.

It is my belief that we should under Point 4 proceed with negotiations on the survey of route and economic possibilities of the propsed Jidda railway.

It would be expensive, but I believe this program is justifiable from the view of giving us leverage to get other programs under way. Economic justification can at best be only an estimate. The very existence of such transportati on should in itself stiumulate government investigation of possibilities for increased traffic. Likewise, the existence of such a railroad should in itself generate developments which would lead to increased traffic.

It has been repeated to SAG on various occasions that Point 4 would undertake only the survey and could not in any way contribute to a construction program. I have discussed the matter with Dr. Young, and I believe I express his views correctly in indicating it would be possible for the SAG to budget funds to take care of amortization and interest on a loan.

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Dr. Thomas A. Hart
Technical Cooperation Administration
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Washington 25, D. C.

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It is probably of little significance for me to add that I believe the proposal is sound from the point of view of the economic development of the country, since I have not examined any statistics that bear out my judgment. I have, however, talked with various people who seemed well informed on this matter, and I am planning an interview this week with some Bechtel people who seem to be well informed.

I am sending you a cable regarding housing. The Baker Corporation has been given instructions to erect seven-possibly eight-houses for TCA personnel and an apartment house which will house at least 15 people. The latter would be so arranged that it could be used for couples without children or single men or women. You know as well as I the delays that can develop, but I have seen the plan and I have seen workmen breaking ground already. At present, the plan is to start the apartment house first. I can get no exact estimate on completion date, but I assume 10 to 12 weeks at a minimum.

Meantime, we can take care of the Doughertys and Mr. Betzig, and Miss Roberts, should I decide to ask for another stenographer.

I would appreciate it if you would have your eye out for a good man to assist me in carrying on negotiations in accordance with the letter which I enclose. I assume it would be a program officer. Essentially, he must be a truly competent person, but since the set up here is such that probably Ambassador Hare and I have to carry on discussions at top level, he could be a younger man. Possibly a first-rate young economist might be obtained on a leave of absence.

In recuriting further personnel, it might be well to indicate they should come in the first instance without a wife so that when a wife would arrive there would be truly adequate housing for the couple.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Director Technical Cooperation
in Saudi Arabia

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
March 22, 1952.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS - INFORMAL

Dear Dr. Penrose:

My brief visit in Beirut now seems a very long time ago, so suddenly have I become immersed in Point 4 and Saudi Arabian affairs.

I do want you to know that I very much enjoyed my visit with you, and was delighted to have the opportunity to see something of your fine university.

A cable from the Department of State informs me that Professor Izzeddin has not been reimbursed for the survey which he made ("Project for Establishing a Commercial School at Jidda") in May, 1951. As I understand it, he should receive $400, his travel expenses, and per diem of $10.

On this basis, if you will furnish me with the exact amount due Professor Izzeddin, I will arrange for a check to be made out either to the American University of Beirut, so that you may reimburse him, or for a check to be made payable to Professor Izzeddin.

Was reimbursed

Recent information from Washington seems to indicate there has been some discussion with you with regard to a temporary assignment of young internees and graduate nurses to Saudi Arabia during the 28-day pilgrimage period this year. I confess I know nothing of the background of this discussion, but I would be glad to have your comments as to the possibilities of such an assignment.

With best wishes to you,

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Dr. Stephen Penrose, President,
American University of Beirut,
Beirut, Lebanon

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American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
March 23, 1952.

Dear Tom:

Again with reference to your letter of February 26:

I. Natural Resources Development.

In the letter addressed to Ambassador Hare and signed by the Minister of Finance, Paragraph II, Section I, reads as follows: "Natural resources development: the drilling of test water wells; location and drilling of irrigation wells; developing more efficient use of present water supply; survey of mineral resources."

This work is, of course, now proceeding under Dr. Brown and as soon as he comes to Jidda from the field I shall ask for some written report summarizing work done to date and plans for the future. I have had informal verbal reports from Mr. Jackson who is in Jidda. As I understand it, the large Sullivan drilling rig has not been satisfactory and two smaller rigs have been ordered from the U.S. Pending their arrival, SAMS (Saudi Arabian Mining Syndicate) has loaned Brown a smaller rig. However, this rig and the truck which was transporting it are now both broken down and awaiting repairs.

You will note that the SAG request under natural resources development includes a survey of mineral resources. It is my thought that this survey should be coordinated with the survey of the route and economic possibilities of the Riyadh Jidda railway.

Dr.Thomas A. Hart,
Chief Country Division, NEADS
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

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2. Communications

The letter referred to above with regard to communications reads as follows:

"Communications: survey of route and economic possibilities of the proposed Riyadh-Jidda railway; preparation of a plan of public roads, including farm-to-market roads."

You will note that it includes a request for preparation of a plan of public roads including farm-to-market roads.

Since my letter to you dated March 18, I have talked with Mr. English and Mr. Buck of Bechtel. It is my impression that Mr. English felt that an over-all survey of transportation needs should be precede a specific survey of proposed railroad. It was also my impression that Mr. Buck agreed with me that if we acquiesced to SAG request for the railroad survey, we should be in a better position to initiate a survey of farm-to-market roads and other transportation by highway.

In fact, a survey of a proposed railroad route would undoubtedly develop information not only with regard to a highway paraleling such railroad group but roads feeding into railroad centers.

I am informed that there are several centers of population along the proposed railroad group which would presumably expand and develop, given proper communication facilities. It is my plan in the near future to go to Dharan to meet Mr. Gildea who is manager of the present Damman Riyadh railway. Gildea is perhaps the best informed person now in the country with regard to the present railroad and should have considerable information in regard to prospects for its extension.

Referring to your letter of February 26, it is my present opinion that it would be desirable to contract both for the railroad survey and the farm-to market roads survey. Certainly it would be difficult to recruit as satisfactory a team to carry out this work as could be furnished by some engineering concern with experience with this sort of job in foreign countries.

After I have talked with Mr. Gildea, I shall give you my further impressions on this whole matter.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS - INFORMAL

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
March 23, 1952.

Dear Tom:

Your letter dated February 26 and enclosures arrived here March 19. In separate letters, I shall take up the various topics which you metnioned. This procedure will perhaps be helpful in keeping your files.

In this letter, I shall discuss in a general way personnel and housing.

I. HOUSING

I can now report that ground has been broken for seven new houses on the Baker compound. One of these houses will be for me. As you know, it is not possible to prophesy a completion date for these houses. Guesses now range from eight weeks to three months.

They will not be prefab but will be of the type now used by Bechtel and Baker personnel. There is also a plan for building an apartment house which would house several couples or single men and women. This apartment project has not had final approval and therefore I cannot give you detailed plans for it.

With regard to existing houses, one prefab becomes available today. I shall put Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty in it, since it has been impossible to work out any arrangement for their doubling up with any couples now on the compound.

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
Chief Country Division, NEADS
Technical Cooperation Administration
Department of State
Washington 25, D.D.

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Mr. Dunaway's house, which is also a prefab, is now in livable condition. I have arranged for Mr. Betzig to move in with Mr. Dunaway until such time as Mrs. Dunaway arrives.

As for the availability of other houses on the compound which are now occupied, the situation looks as follows:

When the new office building is completed, the house now occupied by Brown and Jackson for an office should become available for a couple. However, Fuad Najjar and his brother, Kamal, now live in a portion of this house. Presumably some place would have to be found for them.

Also, with the erection of the new office building, the house now used by FAO people for an office should become available. If FAO brings 18 people into Jidda, however, presumably they will want that house and many more. I do not take it to be function to find houses for FAO and certainly I shall try to protect TCA housing interests.

In summary, then, if we leave out the proposed apartment house and if I occupy one of the houses to be constructed, there will eventually be available seven houses, presumably for TCA personnel. If we recruit seven married men who bring their wives, and they are promised a house for themselves, on the basis of housing that would be the end of our recruiting program. If we inform married personnel that they should not bring wives and families in the first instance, we could, of course, accommodate many more than seven.

Miss Swearingen moved yesterday to an Embassy apartment where she will live with Miss Gess who works at the Embassy. There would be room there for Miss Roberts, but we must understand that the apartment is for Embassy employees and should the Embassy expand, Miss Swearingen and Miss Roberts, or whatever TCA girls might be living there, would have to seek other quarters.

II. OFFICE SPACE

At the present, we have adequate space for existing personnel in our present office building. The building is, however, very sketchily equipped as to chairs, filing cabinets, etc.

The new office building is proceeding rapidly and when finished should provide adequate space for TCA staff including Brown's office and laboratory.

It will provide for several FAO offices but certainly not for 18.

The Ambassador wishes me to occupy an office in the new Embassy compound so that we may keep our files there under proper security supervision and for the convenience of our daily conferences.

I have already selected an office in the building now near completion at the Embassy compound. I shall also keep an office in the new TCA building and shall have my administrative assistant also housed there. Likewise, it would be desirable for the program officer to be with the rest of the TCA staff. It is my estimate that the new TCA office building and the Embassy office building will be completed before the new houses.

III. PERSONNEL

As of this date, the TCA personnel in Saudi Arabia is as follows: (see chart attached)

As I see it, the next immediate need is a program officer. I have indicated my thoughts along this line in EmbTel 503, March 20.

With the arrival of Mr. Betzig, I feel certain that he will need a secretary. Possibly it would be well to assign Miss Roberts for this position, but I prefer to discuss the matter with Mr. Betzig upon his arrival before action is taken.

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Dr. Young is still anxious to have an accounting officer added to his staff, and one more interpretor. We are negotiating for the latter at the moment.

It is difficult to spell out further personnel needs until we have specific and properly negotiated requests from SAG for definite programs. Presumably, however, it will be well to tentatively line up at least one public health expert and one educational expert. Possibly it would be better to look for the sort of people who will eventually become chiefs of these divisions - men comparable in their responsibilities and authority to Dr. Young and Dr. Brown.

In summary, I believe our immediate recruiting should be as follows: (1) Program Officer (2) Agricultural Expert (3) Transportation and Communications Expert (4) Public Health Expert (5) Education Expert - the last two in a tentative way for eason given above.

I understand that you have talked with Mr. Thurlby. I do not have his letter at hand, but I seem to recall that you had mentioned the position of program officer. I should not wish to push his appointment over your best judgment, but if Thurlby were willing to come here, I feel confident he would do a good job.

As you know, he has a teen-age son and he would have to give careful consideration to living conditions, being separated from his son, etc. If he were willing to come alone for a while, I think that would be most satisfactory.

I shall try to keep you currently informed as personnel requirements and housing situations change.

By the way, two new cars have been delivered to us by SAG since I last wrote. I now have a car with a driver. The second car for the moment is for general staff use. We, therefore, now have a total of four cars - one assigned to Dr. Young, one to me, and two for staff. I am informed by the Embassy that a Chevrolet has been shipped from New York for my use.

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This was all news to me. However, as we continue to increase our staff, we shall certainly need additional cars. As you know, in this country they are a necessity since there are no busses nor taxis and as far as we are concerned no telephones.

Weather still perfect. Friday a party of us drove to South Beach for a picnic and swimming. We had a very pleasant time, and it couldn't have been better in Florida.

All best wishes to you.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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TCA STAFF

Jidda, Saudi Arabia 3-23-52

COUNTRY DIRECTOR
Samuel S. Stratton

LIAISON
Husseini

Secretary to Director
Lavonne Swearingen

Administrative Asst.
Edward Betzig
(Arriving Mch 24)

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION &
GENERAL SERVICES

CHIEF: Dr. Arthur N. Young

Budget: John A. Stacy

Customs: John Dunaway

Tariff: Robert B. Kennedy

Secretaries

Dr. Young's: Mrs. John A. Stacy

For Group: Mrs. Carl J. Nelson

NATURAL RESOURCES

CHIEF: Glen F. Brown

Geologist: Roy Jackson

Geologist: Donald Dougherty

Interpretor-Asst: Kamal Najjar

LOCAL EMPLOYEES (provided by SAG)

2 translators for Dr. Young's group:
Fuad Najjar, Sulaiman Salama
1 Chauffeur for Dr. Young
1 Chauffeur for Country Director
1 Doorman-janitor
8 helpers-Dr. Brown's field group
7 men - Drilling group under Drake*

* Drake on loan by Baker to Brown's field group.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS - INFORMAL

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
March 24, 1952.

Dear Tom:

With reference to your letter of February 26:

YEMEN

I have discussed with Ambassador Hare the Yemen situation with regard to Point 4 assistance.

It is my understanding that plans for our proceeding to Yemen are postponed for the time being. It is my further understanding that Mr. Springs is to continue his consultations and negotiations at Yemen and that we are to await the outcome of such discussions before proceeding any further with Point 4 activities at Yemen.

Under these circumstances, do you wish me to write Mr. L. Pittman Springs with regard to his reimbursement for $500 which has been allotted to the Point 4 budget at Jidda?

Sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Chief Country Division, NEADS,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. D.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS - INFORMAL

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
March 24, 1952.

Dear Tom:

With reference to your letter of February 26:

AGRICULTURE

The following paragraph was in the letter which we left with the Minister of Finance:

"2. Agriculture: soil and water analysis; entomology and mycology; horticulture; improvement of field crops; improvement of pasture lands and live-stock; agricultural extension service and training; develop audio-visual techniques and aids for training in desert land reclamation. (The agricultural program to be carefully coordinated with the work of FAO)."

In the letter which the Minister of Finance signed and sent to the Ambassador, the word "horticulture" was deleted and in its place a request was made for demonstration farms. I have noted your suggestion that the Syracuse film group in Terhran could develop audio-visual techniques for training in desert land reclamation.

I believe that the request presented to us also justifies the establishment of a school for training and farm management at Kilo 10. (I have visited Kilo 10 and can see the possibilities for such a training school there.)

Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Chief Country Division, NEADS,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. D.

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As you know, the letter of request for Point 4 services received from the Minister of Finance has not been accepted by the U. S. Government at this date. Until this letter of request is formally acknowledged and accepted, I am not in the position to proceed with any of the items which you have mentioned in your letter or other items mentioned in the SAG requests for Point 4 technical assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Stratton,
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS - INFORMAL

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
March 30, 1952.

Dear Tom:

I. ARRIVAL OF THE DOUGHERTYS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dougherty arrived in Jidda on the 25th. Their house was not available so they stayed at the Gardens Hotel, while some changes in the furniture in their house were being made.

Unfortunately Mrs. Dougherty sprained her knee in getting off the plane at Jidda and has been confined to her bed since. She is under medical care, however, but I am afraid it is a long, slow process in recovering from a bad sprain.

I am favorably impressed with Mr. Dougherty and think he will be a good addition to our natural resources group.

(Doughertys now in house)

II. BROWN

Dr. Brown is still in the field, and we have been unable to get in touch with him since I have been in Jidda. Naturally I am anxious to talk with him and work out an agreement on the/standing with regard to his work here.
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Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Chief Country Division, NEADS,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

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III. JACKSON

I have had several talks with Mr. Jackson. My impression has been that the Brown group have had a very vague notion as to what, if any, relationship the group has with TCA. I believe we can work this out, however.

IV. ORGANIZATION

It seems to me the organization is very well spelled out in Authorization No. 030-470, Change Order No. 2. Perhaps a copy of this should be sent to Mr. Johnson or other people in the geological survey in Washington.

I am preparing a memorandum to be sent to Dr. Young, Dr. Brown, and copies to all TCA personnel in Jidda. I shall, of course, send you a copy. I am holding up sending it out until Betzig arrives and I have a chance to discuss it with him.

V. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Again I am awaiting the arrival of Betzig before tackling this problem. I shall make it one of his first assignments.

VI. BUDGET

I am piecing together such information as you have sent me and as I have brought with me with regard to TCA budget for Saudi Arabia. At the moment while I seem to have adequate information on allotments for the program, I have no information as to expenditures, and therefore I am not in a position to know just where I stand at present. I shall discuss this whole matter with Betzig with the hope that we can set up a sound system which will enable us to know monthly our exact budget position.

VII. AGRICULTURE

I am enclosing a self-explanatory letter from Mr. D. C. Henderson, Chairman, Poultry Department, University of Vermont College of Agriculture, who might be a good person for us in the field of agriculture. As I pointed out before, I believe we should have at least one man in this field as soon as possible. Further personnel needs could be suggested by him. He should in the first instance be competent to organize and direct work in farm demonstration programs.

My cable of today covers this paragraph.

VIII. BETZIG

I note that Betzig is listed as "Administrative Assistant and Assistant Program Officer." His immediate duties will be entirely as Administrative Assistant and it is my feeling that he will be kept very busy in this capacity. He will, I believe, immediately need a secretary.

Your cable re his duties is received and satisfactory.

IX. EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I note that Jack Lenan (or "Lennon") HICOG, is held pending for the position of "Executive Officer." I will very much appreciate it if you will give me as much background in regard to Lenan as you have. At the moment, I cannot justify asking for both a Program Officer and an Executive Officer, but I believe I can see the need for someone who would, in a sense, be my deputy, no matter what the exact title. For example, I may be away in the near future for at least two weeks in Dhahran and it is my hope that I can make other field trips.

SUMMARY: Referring to your letter of March 11 just received Wednesday, March 27, I am "unfreezing" a position in agriculture as described above. I am "unfreezing" a position as Accounting Expert (Robert L. Barnes in process). I am asking for more information on Lenan with the thought that I may unfreeze that position. I would be glad to have your opinion on the relative merits of Thurlby or Lenan for a position here if I chose for the moment just one of the two positions described as "Program Officer" "Executive Officer."

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BARNES WAS NOT AVAILABLE.
HART RECRUITING SOMEONE ELSE. LS)

(ADDENDUM: My cable of today approves Sinclair. In view of his railroad experience perhaps better than Lenan for immediate needs. Tom, until I advise houses available believe men should not be accompanied by wives. Tom, until Department of State and TCA approve SAG request in letter of March 16, we cannot initiate any programming work.)

I am convinced that unless we accept the request of SAG as outlined in their letter of March 16 (Embdesp.285), Point Four program here can be nothing but a continuation of the work now being done by the Young and Brown field missions. As you know, it has been very difficult to get a letter of request from SAG and I do not think it helps our position here to delay in replying to their letter.

I am, of course, disappointed that we could not go forward with the locust control program. I understand the reasons for denying the SAG qualifying conditions on the locust control program, but I also feel that unless we make some concessions we shall be unable to achieve the over-all Point Four objectives in SA. I assume that it is strategically important that as many of these objectives be achieved as is possible.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton,
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Enclosure: Ltr of 2/2/52 from
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American Em assy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
March 31, 1952.

Dear Cy:

This will be in reply to your letter of March 6 which I received on March 27. (It is a bit difficult to keep in touch with each other when so much time elapses between letters sent and received.)

Since receipt of your letter, I have talked with Mr. Husseini who has recently been made liaison officer for SAG to me. I have also discussed the training program with Am assador H are and others.

I have drafted a letter to His Excellency, the Minister of Finance, outlining the program to him, expressing my willingness to cooperate in the matter of nominating suitable candidates for training.

As you perhaps know, authority is concentrated in very few hands in this country. It does not seem possible or feasible to go directly to the ministers or deputy ministers to appropriate agencies if such individuals are without authority to act.

Mr. E. Reeseman Fryer,
Assistant Administrator,
Near East and African Development Service,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

I do want you to know, however, that we shall do our best to expedite some decision from SAG with respect to the nomination of trainees. I doubt very much, however, if any of the Saudi Arabians now working with Dr. Young and Dr. Brown will be nominated for training. The SAG, however, may make suggestions to us.

I assume Tom Hart has kept you in touch with matters here from letters and cables which I have sent to his attention. It is my belief that we are making progress, but I confess it is sometimes frustrating to be unable to tackle things directly and get results in the American fashion.

I shall always be glad to have advice and suggestions from you or Tom.

With all best wishes to you.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS - INFORMAL

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
March 31, 1952.

Dear Mr. Tetro:

Just a word to express my appreciation to you for your kindness to me when I was in Rome.

I found it very helpful indeed to meet the many experts in FAO and discuss with them the general situation in Saudi Arabia.

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Robert C. Tetro, Esq.
Attaché
American Embassy,
Rome, Italy.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS & INFORMAL

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
March 31, 1952.

Dear Mr. Cottam:

It seems much more than a month ago since I arrived in Rome. As you can well imagine, things started happening to keep me very busy upon my arrival in Jidda.

I do want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your kindness and helpfulness given me in Rome.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Howard R. Cottam, Esquire,
Counselor of Embassy,
American Embassy,
Rome, Italy.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS & INFORMAL

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
March 31, 1952.

Dear Sir Herbert:

It seems hardly possible that nearly a month has passed since I stopped in Rome on my way to Jidda. I do, however, wish to express my appreciation to you for your hospitality and to tell you how very much I enjoyed the opportunity of lunching with you.

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Sir Herbert Broadley,
Deputy Director,
FAO,
Rome, Italy

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 2, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Arthur N. Young

FROM: Dr. Samuel S. Stratton

I have read with interest your letter dated March 29 addressed to the Minister of Finance. The suggestions made for improving the budgetary system of the Saudi Arabian Government are excellent and are, of course, basic to the sound development of the country.

Perhaps under point 2. an account could be set up indicating the Government's contribution to TCA programs. I think it is important for our government to know the extent to which a given country is matching TCA funds for technical assistance and advice. Provision of housing, subsistence, and transportation is, of course, an important part of their contribution.

I have one suggestion to make with regard to your letter and that is that your signature and that of Mr. Stacy's should indicate your relationship with TCA staff of Saudi Arabia. Perhaps this can be done by simply adding the phrase "For the Technical Cooperation Administration staff of SAG."

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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cc: John Stacy
cc: Embassy

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 2, 1952.

Your Excellency:

I have the honor to bring to your attention the opportunity for technical training for Saudi Arabians under the Point Four Program.

The Point Four Program of the Department of State is in a position to provide technical training for Saudi Arabians in the United States or if desired in other countries. The trainee appointment program offered under Point Four is intended to provide training for individuals who upon their return to Saudi Arabia will work in the fields of activity in which Point Four will be giving technical assistance to the Saudi Arabian Government.

The procedure for initiating this technical training program is as follows:

(1) Request for such training by the Saudi Arabian Government.

(2) Recommendations of individuals by Saudi Arabian Government.

The Point Four staff in Saudi Arabia will be pleased if requested by the Saudi Arabian Government to nominate for SAG approval candidates for such training program.

(3) Nominations for trainees once received by the Point Four office in Saudi Arabia will be forwarded to Washington after a review of the applications.

His Excellency, Shaikh Abdullah Sulaiman,
Minister of Finance, Jidda,
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

(4) Awards must be made not later than June 30, 1952. Recommendations must be received in Washington not later than May 1, 1952.

(5) Negotiations as to the cost of training to be assumed by Point Four and financial obligations that might be undertaken by SAG can be initiated at the convenience of the Saudi Arabian Government.

It is the wish of the Point Four staff in Saudi Arabia to be of the greatest possible assistance to the Saudi Arabian Government and to conform to all requests within the scope of Point Four authorization.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE AMBASSADOR:

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

III. STATUS OF PROGRAMMING

We are still unable to move forward with any definite program activities since on the one hand Washington has not given us approval to accept the letter of request presented to us by the SAG which covered among other things agriculture, transportation, and aerial mapping. And on the other hand, we have not received a request from the SAG on public health and education.

I am enclosing a tentative draft of a letter I plan to send to Prince Abdullah Faysal, Minister of Interior and Public Health. I have not discussed this draft as yet with the Ambassador and there may be policy reasons for handling this matter in a different way.

IV. RECRUITMENT

You will understand that under the conditions mentioned above, it is very difficult for me to make concrete suggestions. I have already indicated by cable that we should recruit one person in the field of agriculture. If you could assume that Washington will accept the letter of request made by SAG, including the request for agricultural technical assistance, then you could, of course, start recruiting in accordance with your letter, subject estimate of suggested procurement for agriculture program.

As soon as possible I should like to know the ETA requirements. As mentioned in my cable, it may be several weeks before an office would be available, but he could live in the hotel. (Mrs. Stratton and I are still at the Gardens Hotel.)

V. CAR POOL

Mr. Husseini and I have discussed at some length the question of providing transportation for TCA staff. As the staff increases, it will probably be necessary to establish a car pool with a driver since it is doubtful if the SAG will wish to continue to

provide individual cars for all experts. At present, I have a car and driver as does Dr. Young. Mr. Dunaway has a car, as does Mr. Stacy. Mr. Kennedy, I believe, has the use of either one of these as the occasion requires. Mr. Dunaway has requested a driver for himself.

The Embassy has one personal car (the Ambassador's), and a modest car pool. The officers of the Embassy, as I understand it, provide their own cars and maintenance of them.

The arrival of the Chevrolet which you mentioned will, if it seems feasible, provide one car on the pool basis. I shall be glad to have your comments on this matter - perhaps based on the knowledge of what the situation is in other TCA country programs.

VI. EQUIPMENT

Up to the moment no office equipment has arrived from the United States. Our pressing need is the typewriters.

At the moment, Miss Swearingen, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Stacy are sharing two typewriters. It is impossible to get any in Jidda.

VII. ORGANIZATION

In a separate letter, I am sending you a tentative draft of a letter I propose to send to TCA staff on the organizational set up of country program for Saudi Arabia. I have discussed this draft with the Ambassador. The only question raised seems to be Dr. Young's status. He signs his communications:"Financial Advisor to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" without reference to the TCA program. In a memo today to Dr. Young, I suggested that in the future he should add to his present signature "for the Technical Cooperation Administration staff in Saudi Arabia."

VIII. PERSONAL LUGGAGE

In regard to our personal air cargo of three pieces, one has arrived in Jidda.

I was informed Tuesday by mail that the other two pieces are being held at Nairobi, Africa. I have cabled Nairobi to ship them to Jidda.

I do not know how long my letters sent to you via air mail pouch are taking before arriving in Washington. I do know that letters you have mailed me our taking two weeks or more to reach me. I am, therefore, sending this by direct air mail.

VIV. VISIT TO RIYADH AND TO DHAHRAN

The Ambassador has tentatively set Monday, April 7, as the date for me to accompany him to Riyadh to be presented to the King. We shall probably return promptly to Jidda and then in a day or two I plan to go to Dhahran with Mr. Owen, and will probably be there for two weeks. I shall see Gildea and other Aramco people. (I have on my desk a report prepared by Gildea on proposed extension of the railroad to Jidda.) I shall ask Mr. Betzig to review all official mail, and if necessary I presume he can get in touch with me at Dhahran.

By the way, we have had two very heavy rainstorms, and during one of them the hailstones were larger than any I have ever seen ¾ even in New England.

At present we still have had none of the terrifically hot and humid weather we are expecting.

With all best wishes to you,

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 3, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Staff

FROM: Office of Country Director

RE: Mail

In agreement with the Ambassador, it has been decided that incoming mail for all TCA personnel will be collected daily at the Embassy mail room by Mr. Edward Betzig.

TCA personnel will be able to pick up such mail at the desk of Miss Swearingen at 3 o'clock.

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

cc: Embassy

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Dr. Samuel S. Stratton

RE: TCA-SA Allowances DATE: April 5, 1952.

With reference to our recent discussions, I wish to bring to your attention that certain members of the TCA staff, those working on the water resources survey, are provided an allowance by the Saudi Arabian Government for living expenses against which is paid the cost of groceries and other supplies obtained from the Baker commissary. I do not know the exact amount of this allowance, but I believe it to be approximately 130 dollars a month.

As you will understand, difficult personnel problems arise if all members of an organization do not receive equal treatment. It is my hope, therefore, that the SAG will find it possible to make the same allowance for living expenses now provided to certain members of the TCA staff for all members now in Saudi Arabia or those who may join the TCA staff here in the future.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your very helpful cooperation. I am confident that by working closely together we can improve the effectiveness of the TCA program and thus serve the interests of both of our countries.

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 5, 1952.

Your Highness:

I have the honor to bring to your attention that the Technical Cooperation Administration for Saudi Arabia is now prepared to recruit a technician in the field of education and one in the field of sanitary engineering.

These experts would cooperate with such officials as you might designate. Their services would be available for making surveys or giving technical advice or for activating and directing programs in the field of health and education in accordance with the wishes of Your Highness.

Additional personnel in these fields could be recruited as the work expands and progresses.

Since it takes some time to recruit competent experts in these fields, our technical assistance to His Majesty's Government under Point 4 can be expedited if Your Highness will indicate his wishes with regard to recruitment of these experts.

It is the wish of the Point 4 staff in Saudi Arabia to be of the greatest possible assistance to the Saudi Arabian Government and to conform to all requests within the scope of Point 4 authorization.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Highness the assurance of my highest consideration.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE AMBASSADOR:

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

His Royal Highness,
Prince Abdullah El-Faysal,
Minister of Interior and Public Health,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.
April 6, 1952.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. A. N. Young, Chief, Public Administration and Government Services Program

Dr. Glen F. Brown, Chief, Natural Resources Program

FROM: Dr. Samuel S. Stratton

RE: Technical Cooperation Administration in Saudi Arabia

For your information, and with the purpose of establishing in Saudi Arabia an organization which may be of the greatest possible support to chiefs of program areas and to all technical experts, I am outlining in this memorandum the administrative organization for technical cooperation services in Saudi Arabia.

The organization is based on Authorization No. 030-470, Change Order No. 2, titled "TCA Point 4 Country Program Authorization - Saudi Arabia" and other directives from Washington.

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1. Nature of Assistance: "The purpose of this authorization is to establish a fund of 415,000 dollars* to be used for the executive direction, organization, development, supervision and local administration of a coordinated country program for economic development. Technical assistance will be furnished in the fields of Economic Development, including program direction; Natural Resources, including geologic survey; Agriculture, Transportation and Communication; Public Administration and Government Services; Health and Sanitation; and Education. This country program authorization is for payment of personnel services, travel, transportation of things, communication services, rent and utility services, supplies and materials, equipment, and includes project authorizations issued to participating agencies."

. Description of Proposed Program: "It is proposed to establish a basic country staff to be known as the Technical Cooperation Service in Saudi Arabia. The Service will have a Director and

* Refers to Fiscal year ending June 30, 1952.

10 staff members from the United States which will include an Executive Officer, a Procurement Officer, a Chief for each of the proposed program areas; i.e., Economic Development, Natural Resources, Transportation and Communications, Public Administration and Government Services, Health and Sanitation, and Education and other supporting clerical and stenographic personnel required for program direction in Saudi Arabia. This staff will cooperate with officials of the Saudi Arabian Government in planning and operating technical assistance projects proposed by the Government and approved by TCA as part of the general country program. U.S. technicians employed in any of the technical services will be responsible to the appropriate Chief of the Field Party who is in turn under the direct supervision of the Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia."

3. Fields of Activity for Point 4 Operations ("Fields of Activity for Point 4 Operations" issued by Reports Office, TCA - Dept. of State, 2/14/52)

Among the fields of activity listed in the directive referred to above are the following:

a. Public Administration and Government Services

(Budgetary methods and Government finance; Coinage; Banking and Credit; National income and balance of payments; Public administration and records; Statistics-Vital, Business, Agricultural, Labor, Census; Tariffs, customs and trade control; other.)

b. Natural Resources

(Flood control; Geologic investigations; Hydro-electric power; Irrigation; Land reclamation and utilization; Minerals and mining; Survey and mapping; Water resources; Valley development; Other.)

c. Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries

(Agricultural extension; Animal husbandry; Animal pest and disease control; Farm crops; Fisheries; Horticulture; Marketing; Plant breeding; Plant pest and disease control; Soils and agronomy; Soil conservation; Special crops; Other.)

d. Transportation and Communication Development

(Civil aviation; Highways; Inland Waterways; Port development and administration; Postal system; Railroads; Shipping; Telecommunications; Coast and geodetic survey; Other.)

e. Health and Sanitation

(Hospital construction and administration; Maternal and child health; Medical and nursing education; Public health; Sanitation; Other.)

f. Education

(Educational system; School plant and administration; Teacher training; Technical and professional; Vocational, including agricultural; other.)

4. Budget Procedure for Point 4 Program (TCA Office Memorandum No. 26, January 4, 1952)

"Country program authorizations are to be fully justified in the documents accompanying the authorization form. A general justification of the entire technical cooperation program will be given.

"Following the general justification, there should be furnished for each activity a brief description, showing the number and cost of experts, the costs of services, the cost and general description of materials . . .

"Subsequently, assuming the availability of funds, fiscal documents will be issued within the approved amounts . . ."

5. Duties and Responsibilities of Country Director of TCA for Saudi Arabia (Document dated 11/15/51, titled "Country Director for Technical Cooperation for Saudi Arabia")

"a. Formulates and prepares in consultation with the host government country-wide cooperative programs, projects and budgets for submission to the U. S. Chief of Diplomatic Mission and to the Administrator of TCA for their further action and approval.

"b. Consults with the appropriate Ministries of the cooperating government in the operation of Country programs and projects, including the specific considerations governing the terms of international cooperation.

"c. Advises the appropriate Ministries or other agencies of the cooperating government in the development, planning, and organization of economic development programs that will complement those being conducted on a bilateral basis.

"d. Provides technical assistance to the cooperating government from his assigned staff in aid of the objectives of the Act for International Development.

"e. Analyzes all requests made by the cooperating government for technical assistance or economic development and takes appropriate action with the cooperating government to incorporate them into existing Country programs when within his authority to do so, or submits them to the Administrator for action required at the Washington level.

"f. Coordinates Point 4 activities with any other technical assistance and other economic aid given by the U. N. and other agencies.

"g. Organizes and directs the operations of the technical cooperation service, determines the staffing patterns and assigns responsibilities to all technical and administrative personnel regularly assigned or temporarily attached to the technical cooperation service.

"h. Prepares an annual budget for all Point 4 Activities planned for the Country.

. . . .

"k. Makes such reports as may be required by the Administrator.

"l. Reviews and analyzes the reports of technicians assigned by participating agencies and/or the Regional Technical Service in Saudi Arabia, making such comments with respect to them as he may consider essential for the use of the Administrator.

"m. Assists the chief of the diplomatic mission in carrying on negotiations with the cooperating government looking to the conclusion of necessary bilateral agreements."

SUMMARY

It is not necessary to point out to the Saudi Arabia TCA staff the fundamental importance of this country in which we are serving. By conforming to the fullest extent with the Saudi Arabian Government in all Point 4 activities, we can serve in an important way the interests of our government. Of equal importance, we shall have the satisfaction of seeing a country well endowed with human and natural resources undergo a substantial improvement in living standards.

It is the belief of our government that the technical assistance of our TCA experts and advisors can expedite economic development and improve living standards in Saudi Arabia. To the extent that we are successful, the friendship of Saudi Arabia and the United States will be preserved and strengthened, and the mutual interests of both countries will be served.

We are fortunate in having an exceedingly competent TCA staff and we shall hope the quality can be preserved as we expand in size. We are all working toward the same objective and I am confident that we can demonstrate in this country the effectiveness of a Point 4 country program.

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

April 7, 1952.

cc: J.Stacy, R.Kennedy, J.Dunaway
R.Jackson, D. Dougherty
S.Husseini
"(for Najib Bey) SALIHA
J.D.Tothill, FAO
Wm.Anderson, M.Baker, Inc.
Embassy, Jidda Hart, TCA, Wash.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 7, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: TCA Staff

FROM: Office of Country Director

RE: Embassy Launch

The Ambassador has requested that all TCA personnel wishing to go to the Island on the Embassy launch on Fridays or Sundays notify Miss Swearingen by 11 a.m. on the days prior.

The schedule dated March 16 will remain in effect; i.e.: April 11, 2 p.m.; April 18, 11 a.m.; April 25, 2 p.m.; etc.; and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. If any changes occur in this schedule, Miss Swearingen will be notified by the Embassy and will then inform the TCA staff.

Except for those days when the sea is rough, the launch will be leaving from the new pier. An official pass to enter the pier is necessary for those planning to go on the launch. The TCA staff pass may be obtained from Miss Swearingen. Since there is only one TCA pass, it is suggested that all TCA personnel intending to go on the launch plan to go or to meet together at the new pier, with one person taking the pass.

On days when the sea is rough, the launch must necessarily leave from the pier in town. No pass is needed for entry to this pier.

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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cc: Embassy

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 7, 1952

Dear Mr. Peters:

As you undoubtedly know, TCA has funds for providing training in the United States for a certain number of Saudi Arabians. I wondered if you had any candidates you would like to propose for technical training. I believe we must meet a deadline of May 1, but perhaps that could be stretched a bit.

I am leaving tomorrow for Dhahran, but on my return I hope I shall have a chance to see your laboratory and perhaps some day the mine.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Mr. Carl Peters
Bureau of Mines and Companies
Ministry of Finance
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 7, 1952.

Your Excellency:

It had been my hope to have the opportunity of a conference with Your Excellency on your return to Jidda. I find, however, that it is necessary for me to leave tomorrow for Dhahran with Mr. Owen, and I may be there for something over a week.

Among other matters, I plan to discuss with Mr. Gildea his report on a proposed route for the extension of the Dammam-Riyadh railroad to Jidda.

I am leaving a memorandum with Mr. Sadek Husseini which covers some of the matters I hope to discuss with you at our next conference.

I am very much pleased with the progress being made on the new office building for TCA staff, and the construction of housing facilities for them. As you know, Mrs. Stratton and I have been living in the Gardens Hotel since March 7. We are very comfortable there, but frankly we would very much like to be in our own home so that we might do some official entertaining as well as have the privacy and comfort of our own home.

It has been brought to my attention that the house formerly occupied by Dr. Manifold (next to Mr. Carl Peters' house) might be available for us. If this is so, we would

His Excellency Najib Bey Salha
Jidda,
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

be very much pleased to have this house assigned to us since it will obviously be several weeks before a house would be completed for us on the compound. We would be ready to move into this house upon our return from Dhahran.
[NOTE: NOT AVAILABLE, occupied]

I take this opportunity to convey to Your Excellency assurances of my high esteen and my desire to make the Point 4 program in Saudi Arabia of the greatest possible service to His Majesty's Government.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

CC: S. Husseini

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American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 7, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of Country Director

RE: Agenda for Conference with Najib Bey Salha

1. General organizational setup of Point 4 Country Program

2. General discussion of SAG request for technical assistance, and present status thereof.

3. Request on health and education programs, and need to start recruitment of experts immediately.

4. Size of staff and housing needs.

   On assumption programs as outlined in SAG letter of request now at hand, and request on public health and education not yet received, total final staff probably about 35.

5. My own housing accommodations.

6. Training program in U.S.A. for Saudi Arabians.

7. Plans for technical assistance in field of agriculture.

8. Question of TCA contracting services for aerial mapping and railroad survey - costs of such contracts and amounts TCA and SAG might agree to contribute to such work.

9. Discussion of the work now being carried on by the TCA Natural Resources field group and the Public Administration and Government Services group, and future plans for these groups.

10. Establishment of Monetary Agency.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 7, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of Country Director

RE: Copy of Memorandum from Thomas A.Hart undtd

I enclose a copy of a memorandum from Dr. Thomas Hart with regard to proposed agricultural TCA program for Saudi Arabia. I will appreciate it if you will return this memorandum to me after you have read it.

Please note Item (4), Page 2, we have the Supremo 211 wheat in my office. I shall appreciate any suggestion you wish to make to me as to how this wheat may be delivered to the proper authorities.

On my return from Dhahran, I shall be glad to discuss this memo with you with the hope that we can immediately make arrangements for bringing the agricultural experts here and starting them on the program.

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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Enclosure

JOB DESCRIPTION

April 7, 1952

Financial Advisor, TCA

FSR-1

Incumbent: Arthur N. Young

Acts as Financial Advisor to the Kindom of Saudi Arabia and in particular with reference to currency and banking matters. Under general supervision of the TCA Country Director acts as Chief of the Point 4 Financial Mission, comprising experts in specialized fields of government finance and administration. Acts as Special Financial Advisor to the Ambassador.

NOTE: Mr. Young was first asked in March, 1951 to go to Saudi Arabia as the Financial Advisor recommended by the U.S. at SAG's request, with special reference to currency and banking, and was paid by SAG up to October 24, 1951, as of which date he was transferred to the U. S. rolls. Shortly before his departure from the U.S. in June, 1951, he was asked also to take on the work of heading a group of financial experts. A letter of Mr. Arthur Z. Gardiner of the Department of State dated May 14, 1951, described the work as to "serve as financial advisor to the Saudi Arabian Government and as chief of the Point 4 group" of financial experts. The appointment card issued by the Department reads, "Special Financial Advisor to Ambassador and Acting Chief of Financial Section."

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 8, 1952.

Dear Mr. Fahoum:

During approximately the next two weeks, I am planning to be away from Jidda on official business. I would appreciate your acknowledging the signature and requests of Mr. Edward Betzig, Point 4 administrative officer, under my name in my absence.

At this time may I express to you my sincere appreciation of your friendly cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Mr. Badr S. Fahoum
Government Representative to
Michael Baker, Inc.
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

REPLIED - would be Glad to acknowledge.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS - INFORMAL

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 9, 1952.

Dear Tom:

I have not heard from you since your letter dated March 11.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

I received job descriptions from Young, Dunaway, Kennedy, and Stacy. We have not yet received from you job descriptions for Brown, Jackson, and Dougherty. As soon as received, I shall forward these to them and ask for their own comments or changes.

I am enclosing the job description submitted to me by Dr. Young. I might add that he and all the present members of the staff in their job descriptions refer to their group as "Point 4 Financial Mission" and to their own jobs as "Customs Advisor", "Tariff Advisor", etc. Although not spelled out, the implications seems to be that since Dr. Young is Financial Advisor to the SAG, the others are also advisors to the SAG.

I dislike to bother you with what may seem to be trivial matters of organization. Nevertheless, I feel it is important for the Country Program set-up in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere to have a clear understanding of organizational lines. If it is TCA policy to have a Country Program, then certainly it is undermining to such a policy to have individuals on the Point 4 staff indicating to government ministers that they are special advisors of one sort or another with the implication that they are "outside" the Country Program.

Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Chief Country Division, NEADS
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

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As you will note from the enclosed job description for Dr. Young, he is perfectly correct in his statement that he is financial advisor to SAG and special financial advisor to the Ambassedor.

In reply to my suggestion that he might continue to sign "Financial Advisor to SAG" if he would add "for TCA", Dr.Young says: "....since finance is so intimate a part of SAG's affairs...is the desirability of maintaining the idea that any proposals we (Financial Mission) put forward are made in SAG's interests as our recommendations as experts rather than American policy."

"Could we not meet your suggestion and at the same time take account of this point by leaving the signatures as they are and putting at the head of such letters the words: Technical Cooperation Administration?"

I have not replied to this memo, and personally I SHALL ~~should~~ defer a final decision until I have your comments. I know you will understand that my only interest is to protect and build up the prestige of the Country Program. You comments on this matter and my final decision will, of course, affect the titles now being used by members of Dr. Young's staff.

RECRUITMENT

Nothing new to add. On the assumption, if you can make it, that TCA and the State Department will accept the SAG request for 1953 - Natural Resources, Finance, Agriculture, Aerial Mapping, Transportation and Communication, Mineral Resources Survey and Railroad Survey - I would suggest you speed up the recruitment for the agricultural experts.

It is very disappointing to me that we have had no word at all from Washington as to the status of the SAG request. On the one hand, we are pushing SAG to make a request on public health and education and, on the other hand, we, the USA, are delaying any answer to their request as noted above.

As you can see, our whole recruitment and staffing program depends upon whether or not we are going ahead in accordance with the SAG request. As a matter of fact, until we answer the SAG letter, we have not agreed even to continue the work of Natural Resources and the Financial groups.

TRIP TO RIYADH

Ambassador Hare has arranged through the Foreign Minister to present me to His Majesty sometime this week. We are awaiting final information as to the day and our transportation.

From Riyadh I shall go on to Dhahran, as indicated to you earlier.

CAIRO

A cable from Cairo suggests that I go there for two purposes: (1) To select and order furniture for my office which will be located in the new Embassy compound at Ambassador Hare's request, and (2) for consultation with LaRocca. I am planning to make this trip to Cairo sometime before the end of this month.

As a matter of fact, as country directors in this area begin to get established, it would seem to me very desirable that they should meet as a group at the most convenient spot. Certainly the problems we have are common to all of us, and the exchange of experiences and opinions should be helpful to the whole Near East program.

HOUSING

At present the five new houses under construction seem to be moving along rapidly. Two of them will have roofs on by the end of this week. Unless there is a delay in furnishing AC equipment, plumbing fixtures, etc., at least some of them will be finished around July 1. I hope we may have the accounting expert and some of the agricultural people by that time lest other agencies get these houses ahead of us and we be forced to wait again.

NAJIB BEY SALHA

Najib Bey has been away for nearly two weeks, and perhaps you recall the setup here well enough to know his unavailability has a way of holding up everything. I have written a letter to him and I have given Mr. Husseini a page-long memorandum of items I wish to discuss with Najib Bey at the earliest possible moment. If he is still at Riyadh when I am there, I can, of course, talk with him then. (ADDENDUM NOTE: I have an appointment with Najib Bey this afternoon)

MONETARY FUND

We are particularly anxious to get some decision on the proposal for setting up a monetary fund. I shall probably discuss this question with the Finance Minister at Riyadh although it would be embarrasing to explain to the Finance Minister the present status of the request he signed for Technical Assistance.

. . . . . EMBASSY ADMIN. SUPPORT . . . . .

Ambassador Hare is very cooperative with regard to administrative support for our TCA group. The Embassy, however, is still understaffed for this work, and I believe it is urgent that they should be assigned a Budget-Fiscal-and Disbursing Officer FSS-5. Anything you could do to expedite such an assignment would be helpful to the TCA program in Saudi Arabia.

The weather still has not changed for the worse, and somehow we all keep very busy here. I have been swimming only once since our arrival, but I am hoping to find time to get out a bit more and get some exercise. Swimming is about the only exercise one can enjoy in this climate.

With best wishes to you and Cy.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Enclosure(1)
Job description-Dr.A.N.Young

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 9, 1952.

Your Excellency:

It seems hardly possible that six weeks have elapsed since Mrs. Stratton and I enjoyed your gracious hospitality at luncheon at the Barclay in New York. Although late in being expressed, our appreciation for your many courtesies is very sincere.

We had an uneventful but pleasant journey to Jidda with pauses at Paris, Rome, and Beirut for consultations. In Beirut I was fortunate to find Eddie Locke still there and to have some good talks with him. When you see him in Washington, please give him my warm personal regards.

We are enjoying our work and life in Jidda and have been hospitably received by Saudi Arabian officials and business leaders. In my conversations with His Highness, Prince Faysal, the Foreign Minister, and with His Excellency, Shaikh Abdullah Sulaiman, Minister of Finance, I took occasion to express my belief that the Saudi Arabian Government is extremely fortunate in its representation in Washington.

With Ambassador Hare, I am leaving for Riyadh this week to be presented to His Majesty, and later I plan to go to Dhahran for several days.

I am well pleased with the progress being made by the Point 4 Natural Resources and Financial Services groups. It is, of course, my hope that we may soon initiate technical assistance in such fields as health, education, agriculture, and transportation and communication. I believe we have a very competent group of Point 4 experts here, and it is my hope that as our staff is expanded, we will preserve this high quality.

His Excellency,
Ambassador al-Faqih,
Saudi Arabian Embassy,
Washington, D. C.

With the friendly relationships existing between our two governments, I see no reason why Point 4 should not be a success in this country and of great mutual benefit to both of our countries.

Please extend my best wishes and warm regards to Shaikh Ahmed Jabbar.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

Very best wishes to you.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

bc: Dr. Thomas Hart-TCA,Wash.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 10, 1952.

Your Excellency:

The enclosed statement is submitted to Your Excellency as information concerning the secretarial services of Mrs. Louise McWhorter Nelson for the period from February 29 to March 31 inclusive. Mr. Young engaged her in pursuance of your authorization to him regarding arranging for local stenographic assistance.

Your kind cooperation in arranging for the reimbursement of Mrs. Nelson will be sincerely appreciated.

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I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Very truly yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
Country Director, Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

His Excellency,
Najib Bey Salha,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of Country Director

RE: Repairs to be Done on House Now Occupied by Mr. John Dunaway.

It is requested that the Saudi Arabian Government arrange for the following repairs on the house now occupied by Mr. John Dunaway:

1. Repair switch and wiring in the back hall.

2. Repair the lights of the dining room and living room which go on and off after becoming heated.

3. Repair one electric circuit which has blown. (Apparently, it is not the fuse)

Your kind attention to this request is sincerely appreciated.

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of Country Director

RE: Completion Work on House Now Occupied by Mr. John Dunaway

It is requested that the Saudi Arabian Government make arrangements for the following completion work to be done in and on the house now occupied by Mr. John Dunaway:

A. EXTERIOR

1. Finish paneling of the porch ceiling.
2. Finish painting the exterior of the house.
3. Build housing around the air conditioner.
4. Enclose the entrance of the air conditioner into the house.
5. Provide a garage.
6. Provide a fence around the house.
7. Provide a walk from the gate fence to the house.
8. Provide shutter hooks to keep the shutters open.
9. Do a complete wire screening job throughout.
10. Make a water attachment for an outside water connection.
11. Provide door sills in the front, side, and back doors.

B. INTERIOR

1. Provide towel racks in bathroom.
2. Provide rack in bathroom for toilet tissue.

Your kind attention to this request is sincerely appreciated.

(for) Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
April 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of Country Director

RE: Completion of Furnishings for House Now Occupied by Mr. John Dunaway

It is requested that the Saudi Arabian Government provide the following items toward the completion of furnishings for the house now occupied by Mr. John Dunaway:

1 - 9 x 12 rug

1 - 6 x 8 rug

2 - 4 x 6 rugs

(All sizes are approximate)

Your kind attention to this request is sincerely appreciated.

(for) Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of Country Director

RE: Completion of Furnishings for House Now Occupied by Mr. John Dunaway

It is requested that the Saudi Arabian Government provide the following items toward the completion of furnishings for the house now occupied by Mr. John Dunaway:

6 bath towels

6 hand towels

2 side table stand lamps

2 floor lamps

Your kind attention to this request is sincerely appreciated.

(for) Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM : Office of Country Director

RE: Typewriter for Office

The Technical Cooperation Administration office staff is in need of one 12 inch Royal standard typewriter. It is requested that the same be furnished by the Saudi Arabian Government.

If possible, it will be appreciated if a dollar sign is part of the keyboard, and that the keyboard be as similar to the one used in the operation of typewriters in the United States as is possible.

Your kind attention to this request is sincerely appreciated.

(for) Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of Country Director

RE: Linense Plates for TCA Automobiles.

It would be appreciated if you would make arrangements for the obtaining of Saudi Arabian license plates for one Packard and three Chryslers passenger cars currently at the disposition of the Technical Cooperation Administration.

Please be assured of our sincere appreciation for your kind assistance.

(for) Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of Country Director

RE: Baskets for Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence in Office

This is to advise that the Technical Cooperation Administration office staff is in need of two dozen 24 inch by 15 inch (approximate) wooden or steel baskets for use in routing correspondence in and out of the offices. It is requested that the same be furnished by the Saudi Arabian Government.

Did not receive.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation for your kind assistance.

(for) Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Fuad Najjar

FROM: Edward Betzig

RE: Daily Schedule for Chauffeur

The following should be the daily schedule to be followed by Dr. Stratton's chauffeur until Dr. Stratton's return:

A.M.

8:15 Pick up car keys from Mr. Betzig.

8:25 Pick up Miss Swearingen

8:30 Return car keys to Mr. Betzig unless car to be used for some official business.

10:45 Take Mr. Betzig to Embassy. Wait till approximately

11:30 Return with Mr. Betzig to office.

11:50 Take interpretors and Miss Swearingen to homes.

Noon EITHER (1) Leave keys with Miss Swearingen, eat lunch, and return at 2:45 to get keys and pick up Miss Swearingen and interpretors

OR (2) Return to Mr. Betzig's (Beit Dunaway), leave keys, eat lunch, get keys from Mr. Betzig at 2:45 and pick up Miss Swearingen and interpretors.

P.M.

3:00-5:00: Leave keys with Mr. Betzig.
5:00: Take interpretors and Miss Swearingen home.
5:15: Return car and keys to Mr. Betzig at Beit Dunaway.

If there is any deviation from this schedule necessary to the chauffeur, I would appreciate his discussing it with you so that there might be no misunderstanding.

Edward Betzig

Chron

TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
April 13, 1952.

Dear Mr. Husseini:

It would be appreciated if you would make arrangements for obtaining a Saudi Arabian driver's license from the proper authorities for Mr. Edward Betzig who is employed by the Technical Cooperation Administration. Mr. Betzig is the possessor of a New York State driving license.

Received

Your kind cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Mr. Sadek Husseini,
Director, Liaison Office,
Technical Assistance,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
American Embassy, Jidda
April 13, 1952.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Reports Office, TCA, Dept. of State

FROM: Office of U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

RE: Possible Inclusions in Point 4 Weekly Report

I. PERSONAL NOTES (Assignments, Departures, and Arrivals)

SAUDI ARABIA — Dr. Samuel S. Stratton arrived in March in Jidda to assume the duties of U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation for the country. Other recent assignments with the Point 4 program in Saudi Arabia include Mr. John Stacy, budget expert; Mr. Donald Dougherty, member of the Natural Resources Field Group; Mr. Edward Betzig, Assistant Program Officer; Mrs. John Stacy, secretary to Dr. Arthur N. Young, Chief of Financial Mission; and Miss Lavonne Swearingen, secretary to Dr. Stratton.

II. Possible Item

SAUDI ARABIA — Exploration and testing for water in the desolate dry lands of the coastal plains near the ancient walled seaport of Yenbo are being carried on by the Point 4 mission on natural resources. This group, headed by Dr. Glen F. Brown, has been working in the central and southwestern areas of the country since early 1951. Mr. Roy O. Jackson and Mr. Donald Dougherty are also working with this group in this historically important city - once the pilgrimage seaport for Medina, one of the sacred cities of the Moslems.

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A Point 4 mission in public finance and fiscal organization has been working in Saudi Arabia since July of 1951. The group is made up of Dr. Arthur N. Young as chief; Mr. John Dunaway and Mr. Robert B. Kennedy, customs and tariff; and Mr. John Stacy, budget.

With headquarters in Jidda, a Red Sea city old even before America's discovery and now growing rapidly as a result of the development of the oil fields located on the Persian Gulf Coast of Saudi Arabia, working in an atmosphere of sharp contrast where methods from the past exist together with those of the present, this Point 4 mission, in close cooperation with the Saudi Arabian Government, is seeking to improve certain financial, budgeting and customs procedures.

The problem of properly utilizing the immense (for Saudi Arabia) revenues now pouring into this country is one which overburdens the existing systems of financial planning and control. Members of this mission seek to assist the Saudi Arabian Government in its efforts to assure the most constructive and least wasteful use of its new-found wealth.

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

April 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Office Equipment and Supplies

The Embassy has requested a duplicate copy of any purchase order or shipping bill of lading pertaining to equipment or supplies ordered in Washington for the Point 4 mission in Jidda. Before clearing the equipment through customs and authorizing delivery to the TCA offices, the Embassy must have in its file a record of the equipment (or supplies) that has been ordered.

Wish replies could not send duplicates

We will appreciate your continuing the practice of sending the TCA offices a copy of such bills also.

As you request, we shall notify you upon receipt of all equipment or supplies ordered from Washington. If any damage has occurred, we shall send you a report of same.

procedure

Edward Betzig

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

April 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Dictaphone Equipment

This is to notify you that all of the equipment listed on the attached purchase order and TWA Air Waybill has been received in complete and good order.

You may return these bills upon noting for your information, so that our files may be complete for the budget estimates and expenditures.

Edward Betzig

Enclosures:
(1) TWA Air Waybill
015-IDL-369307,3/28/52.
(2) Westrex Corporation Invoice
E-518,2/19/52 (TCA 10647-52
10648-52)

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

April 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Stationery and Envelopes Received

This is to notify you that the following supplies were received in complete and good order:

4 pkgs. (600 each)	TCA letterhead onionskin
2 pkgs.(2000 total approx.)	TCA letterhead bond
7 boxes (500 each)	TCA envelopes, letterhead corner, official business, unfranked
11 boxes (500 each)	TCA envelopes, letterhead corner, official business, unfranked, Airmail

These are appreciated.

Edward Betzig

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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April 14, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Attached Memo "Possible Inclusions in Point 4 Weekly Report"

We have been receiving copies of the POINT 4 WEEKLY REPORT. Perhaps you may be interested in forwarding the attached memorandum to the Reports Office of TCA as items for possible inclusion in this REPORT.

Edward Betzig

Enclosure

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Dr Hart file

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS - INFORMAL April 14, 1952.

Dear Tom:

It is good to be writing to you and to let you know how things are going here in Jidda.

Following are some of the matters which I would like to discuss with you:

1. PLAN OF BAKER COMPOUND

By the week's end, I expect to have a blueprint of all housing and building on the Baker Compound and will indicate the current status of the same. The office building is coming along very well. They intend to build six single apartments and then four more. I would estimate that five or six houses and the apartments will be ready by mid-summer, depending upon the air conditioning units.

2. EMBASSY HOUSING

Estimates run from July to August - possibly later - for occupancy.

3. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

We are reworking those for Dunaway, Kennedy, and Stacy, and we will send the same on Dr. Stratton's return from Dhahran. We are also working on the Brown group. In your March 11 letter, you mentioned you would send job descriptions relevant to Brown, Jackson, and Dougherty. We have not received them and would appreciate getting them soon.

Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Chief Country Division, NEADS
Technical Cooperation Administration
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

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4. PERSONNEL

MRS. GEORGE: Mr. George informed us that Mrs. George has written to him saying that she expects to be completely cleared and ready to leave Saudi Arabia by the end of April or middle of May. Would you be able to give us definite information concerning this matter?

MRS. EDNA STACY: As of April 14, 1952, Mrs. Edna Stacy is on the payroll of the Department of State, TCA, and is continuing to work with Dr. Young.

5. RECRUITMENT

Concerning the inavailability of Robert Barnes and your question as to whether you should recruit some one else for the position of accounting expert, Dr. Young is most anxious to have the accounting expert.

John Stacy recommends a Mr. Maurice A. Gillis, who lives at 15 Walnut Street, Westbury, Long Island, New York. He is currently employed by the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue, 3rd District, New York, located in New York City, as an internal revenue agent. He has had at least 20 years experience in accounting with government and private industry, has two adopted children of under-school age, has had some overseas experience in Egypt (Cairo) and Brazil doing accounting work for the U. S. Government after the end of the war. If the salary were right, John believes he would be interested in a position in Saudi Arabia - probably FSS-3. Although married, he could probably arrange tour of duty without his family.

APRIL 19 - REQUESTED INFO ON A. Wendell Peterson whom NAVT MENTIONED FOR ACCTG EXPERT.

6. THE BUDGET

I am collecting all pertinent data on the '52 and '53 budget and expect to present a memo summarizing the current situation to Dr. Stratton in the near future. Any additional information that you have concerning expenditures and budgetary procedure would be appreciated.

7. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

We have reached an understanding with the Embassy relative to the support program in connection with supplies, and have sent a message to you concerning equipment which we cannot obtain in Saudi Arabia. Mr. Sadek Husseini has stated that the Saudi Arabian Government will provide most of the equipment necessary for the new office building. We are placing an order for supplies through the Embassy which should meet our basic requirements for the coming year. We are still in need of typewriters and have requested that the SAG provide us with a 12 inch Royal typewriter to be bought on the local market if possible, and used pending the arrival of the typewriters requested from Washington.

Our equipment order with you will now read:

5	T 500	Typewriters, Royal standard, elite type preferred
1	T 500	Typewriter, long carriage, pica type, Royal
2	S 115	Safe, record container, comb. lock, legal size 4 drawer
4	C 465	Chairs, typists, steel NOTE: Was "6" previously; believe "4" will be sufficient.
6	S 120	Pencil sharpeners - attach to wall or desk.

In addition to the above as stated in our telegram, we would appreciate your adding these items:

1		Hand-operated hectograph for duplicating purposes (NOTE: Believe more practical and suitable to our purposes than mimeograph)
1	C 700	Cooler, water, electrical, bottle type (As requested in March 1 letter)
2	C 730	Containers, glass bottles, 5 gal. cap. (As requested in March 1 letter)

NOTE: We are requesting paper, stencils and fluid for the hectograph, and cups and dispenser for the water cooler through the Embassy.

For the present, this would seem to be all the equipment we find necessary. As other needs arise, we shall keep you informed.

Mr. Husseini is most cooperative and wishes me to give you his regards and thanks for the book you sent him.

8. KENNEDY SEPARATION ALLOWANCE

Robert Kennedy has requested me to ask you to make an inquiry concerning the status of his separation allowance. The letter containing two copies of Form FSS-335 certified by Mr. Abbey, including the request which is Organization Memo 80, January 26, 1952, and the Airgram Embtel 473, March 10, 1952, have not been answered. Naturally, Bob is concerned about this matter, and he would greatly appreciate it if you can do anything to speed up the progress. (HAVE REPLIED TO THIS APRIL 2, 1952)

9. AIR CARGO OF DR. STRATTON'S

Dr. Stratton's air cargo arrived from Nairobi last week in good condition.

10. POST REPORTS

We are working on writing a TCA Post Report which we hope will give a clearer and more accurate picture of current conditions. We will get this to you as soon as possible.
(Note: LS - to be re-newed each 6 months. LS)

11. VISITING PRINCE FAYSAL

I have discussed this matter with Dr. Stratton, and we think that your best source of information would be the political desk of the Department.

12. PHOTOS

I have kept in mind your wishes concerning photographs, but at the present time cannot comply. I think that in the next two weeks I will be able to send you the shots you wanted.

13. MEETING WITH NAJIB BEY SALHA

The afternoon before leaving for Riyadh (April 9), Dr. Stratton had a meeting with Najib Bey Salha. He felt that he had made good progress and seemed to be optimistic concerning the future. Undoubtedly, Dr. Stratton will write you the details on his return from Dhahran around the 21st.

~~14. DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. STRATTON~~

~~I have had a number of good talks with Dr. Stratton during which we covered most of the material discussed with you and Mr. Glick in Washington.~~

Time goes very fast here. I find life very enjoyable and filled with new experiences. I am very satisfied and contented with the people with whom I am working. I hope that I'll hear from you, and anything that you would like to have me do, you will let me know.

Sincerely,

Edward Betzig

Enclosures:
Self-explanatory memos
to Dr. Hart

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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April 15, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Noble Yaste

FROM: Edward Betzig

RE: Mrs. John (Edna) Stacy Personnel Status

This is to notify you that Mrs. John (Edna) Stacy entered on duty with the Department of State, Technical Cooperation Administration, February 20, 1952, and has worked as secretary to Dr. Arthur N. Young since that date.

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

April 17, 1952

Requested Dept to send along two typewriters with anyone coming to Jidda soon. (HARE signature)

April 19, 1952

Requested Dept to send info on A. Wendell Peterson.

Also asked about his plans for family. (HARE signature)

Informed by Dryer not available but has three other candidates lined up.

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

April 19, 1952.

Dear Mr. Fahoum:

The Technical Cooperation Administration received for official use a Chrysler, 1951, from the Saudi Arabian Government, which was not supplied with a spare tire.

Would you please furnish us with one, size 760 x 15?

Your kind cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Mr. Badr S. Fahoum,
Government Representative to
Michael Baker, Inc.,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

cc: Fuad NAJJAR

BUDGET

FOREIGN SERVICE
FINANCE CIRCULAR NO% 98
JUNE 29, 1951.

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Excerpt from page 15:

8. Appropriation 19-1120051 - Expenses, International Development. Executive Office of the President (Allotment to State), 1952.

8.1. Program and Administrative Support

Funds for the Salaries and other expenses of Technical Cooperation officers and administrative support personnel will be provided in the allotments under Salaries and Expenses, Department of State, as in 1951. These expenses will be obligated initially against Salaries and Expenses allotments, with reimbursement in Washington to the Salaries and Expenses appropriation from Point IV funds.

8.2 Point IV Projects

Separate instructions will be issued concerning the administration and control of funds allotted for the program expenses of Technical Cooperation projects.

c/o American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

April 20, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Betzig

I have received the two Audograph machines and we are using them successfully. They should facilitate our work.

I shall be grateful if you will communicate with Washington and ask them to send by air express as soon as possible one Gray VoicEraser. This device makes it possible to erase dictation and is needed for security reasons, apart from economy in re-using discs.

The manufacturer is:

The Gray Manufacturing Co.
521 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

I am attaching extra copies of this memorandum to facilitate your communicating with Washington.

Arthur N. Young

SUPPLIES BEING ORDERED BY AMERICAN EMBASSY, JIDDA for offices of ECA, in connection with Administrative Support Program

APRIL 22, 1952
APPROP. SYMBOL, 19-1121019

EMBASSY REQUISITION NUMBER: ALLOT SYMBOL 2A-6-6470

DATE OF REQUISITION: OBLIGA. NUMBER 11

QUANTITY	STOCK NUMBER	ITEM
12 boxes	B-110	Bands, Rubber, No. 32
12 boxes	B-120	Bands, Rubber, No. 64
24	B-225	Flourescent Bulbs, 15 W. Standard, Warm White G.E. (for desk lamps)
3 doz.	B-350	Desk Blotters for Exec. Blotter Pads, 24 x 38 in. NO 19 X 24 IN. STANDARD SIZE
6	B-390	Dictionaries, Webster Standard Unabridged
6 doz	B-490	Stenographers' Notebooks, Spiral Bound, 6 x 9 inch.
12	B-580	Brushes, Typewriter Cleaner, Toothbrush Style
6 cans	C - 110	Typewriter Oil
12 boxes	C-390	Guides, File, 3 x 5 inch, blank
12 boxes	C-611	Sets File Guides with Metal Subject Tabs
2400	C-760	3 x 5 index cards, ruled, white

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12 bottles	C - 930	Typewriter Cleaner
20 boxes	C-950	Clips, Binder, 1 in. capacity
200 boxes	C-970	Paper Clips, No. 1

OUT - NOT ORDERED -
TAKEN FROM MGH 1 LTR 4 doz. bottles C-1025 Stencil Correction Fluid

12 gross	C-1050	Cups for water cooler
50 yards	C-2030	Cleaning Rags (Cheese Cloth)
6	D - 110	Scotch Tape Holders
5 boxes	D - 370	Hand Blotters, 3 x 9 ½ in.

NOTE: WHEN IMPRINTED, ENVELOPES AND STATIONERY SHOULD BE IMPRINTED TCA *

4 boxes	E-500	Envelopes, 4½ x 10-3/8 in, plain, white, printed
4 boxes	E-530	Envelopes, " " , Air Mail, printed.
4 boxes	E-540	Envelopes, 4½ x 10-3/8, Air Mail, printed.
2 boxes	E-550	Envelopes, Kraft, 5 x 7 in.
2 boxes	E-570	Envelopes, Kraft, 10 x 15 in.
1 box	E-587	Envelopes, Kraft, 15 x 18 in.

* This should be known by the Dept, by checking OBLIGATION AND Appropriation symbol on first sheet sent to Dept, with requisition.

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4 boxes	E-610	Envelopes, 4½ x 10 3/8 in., unprinted
6 sets	E-750	Eradicator, Ink, 2 bottles, No. 1 and 2
4 doz.	E-820	Erasers, Pencil, Bevel End
2 doz.	E-830	Erasers, Typist, with Brush
3-1 gal.cans	F-340	Hecto Fluid Embassy has enough to lend some to TOA

NOT ORDERED
DELETED FROM MCH 1 LTR: 6 boxes F-350 Heavy Cardboard File Folders, Letter Size

8 boxes	F-350	Heavy Cardboard File Folders, Legal Size
24	I-100	Indexes, Automatic, Self Finding, Bates
36 bottles	I-140	Blue-Black Ink (Fountain Pen)
12(1952)	P-100	Calendar Pads and Holders

NOT ORDERED
DELETED FROM MCH 1 LTR: 4 P-180 Pads, Inking, Mimeograph, 8½ x 16 in.

6	P-220	Typewriter Pads - Felt
(?)500(?)	P-280	Hecto Paper 20 M

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20 reams	P-280	Plain White Bond Paper, 8½ x 11 in (LetterSize)
10 reams	———	Letterhead White Bond, 8½ x 11 in (LetterSize) (IMPRINTED TCA)
60 reams	P-360?	Plain White Onionskin, 8½ x 11 in (Letter Size)
10 reams	———	Letterhead White " , 8½ x 11 in (Letter Size)
(?)500(?)	P-340	Hecto Carbon

NOT ORDERED
DELETED FROM MCH 1 LTR: 30,000 P-410 Sheets, Mimeograph Paper, LetterSize
20,000 P-430 Sheets, Mimeograph Paper, LegalSize

20 boxes	P-490	Carbon Paper, Black
5 boxes	P-500	Carbon Paper, 8½ x 13 in, Legal Size
24 doz	P-770-780	Pencils (18 doz. No. 2 Lead; 6 doz, No.3 Lead)
2	P-825	Perforator, Adjust., 3 hole
1 Gross	R-190	Typewriter Ribbons, for Royal Standard Typewriter, Royal No.1, Black Record, Medium inked
1 doz	R-390	Rules, 12 inch NO
2 doz	R-420	Rules, 18 inch

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12 prs	S-130	Shears, 6 inch
12	S-410	Staple Removers
24 doz.	S-430	Boxes Staples for Stapling Machines

NOT ORDERED
DELETED FROM MCH 1 LTR: 3,000 S-460 Stencils, Mimeograph, 8½ x 14½)

(?)500(?)	S-460-70	Hecto Stencils
24 doz	T - 220	Tablets, 3 x 5 in.
24 doz	T - 230	Tablets, 5 x 8 in.
24 doz	T - 270	Yellow Ruled Paper, Legal Size
12 doz	T - 430	Rolls Scotch Tape, 3/4 in. Texcel or equal

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2,000 - 4 colors	T-179, T-180, -T-190, -T-200	File Labels (Gummed, Assorted Colors, for Manilla File Folders
6	S-430	Staplers
12	P-130	Desk Blotter Pads, Exec. Type STANDARD SIZE

NOT ORDERED
DELETED FROM MCH 1 LTR: 6 stilus

THE END

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

RESTRICTED April 22, 1952.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS - INFORMAL

Dear Tom:

This letter will attempt to give you current information on a varied number of things and also answer questions raised in your April 2 and 12 letters. Some of the questions will have to be answered by Dr. Stratton following his expected return from Dhahran tomorrow, April 23.

1. EQUIPMENT

Dr. Young has asked me to have you send by Air Express

1 Gray Voiceraser

to be used with the Audograph machines already received (see my letter to you, April 14, memo including bills of lading). This device makes it possible to erase dictation some 50 times per disk and hence results in economy in re-use of the disks. Enclosed is a copy of Dr. Young's memorandum of April 20 to me relative to this.

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Also, if you can do anything to expedite getting us those three-way safe filing cabinets, please do so.

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(See separate page for continuation this letter, re SYSTEM FOR CORRESPONDENCE AND CABLES)

Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Chief, Country Division, NEADS,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

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2. SYSTEM FOR CORRESPONDENCE AND CABLES

Concerning a system for keeping the field office and Washington uniformly informed, I have discussed this with Miss Swearingen and we believe the following might be adopted:

Cables covering matters previously discussed in letters already received by - or enroute to - the Department will take preference over the letters.

The reason for this is that when a matter is not considered of a nature urgent enough to relay by cable, this matter is included in a letter. However, after the letter has once been sent, if information from the Department or the Embassy relative to that matter changes its urgency, then a cable is sent. The cable, of course, would bear a later date than the letter, and would, therefore, be the latest decision. This is in line with your thinking expressed in your letter of March 28 re adopting "the rule that the latest communication is the most desired action."

It would be quite unusual to relay by letter any change of cabled information. We realize it's confusing enough to change any information previously received in a letter.

From now on, Miss Swearingen will be keeping a close check on all information sent you, so that were any changes to be made with regard to previous information sent you, we shall refer to that letter in the cable - even if we believe you have not gotten the letter, but know it is on the way. In these cables, we shall say quite clearly: " Re (date) letter. Change." at the beginning of the cable.

At first, there were some changes and conflicting statements, we know, but we do hope to eliminate them, so that this "system" will be unnecessary.

In line with this or with any points that need definite explanation between Washington and Jidda, we are anxious to have everything as clear and complete as possible. Therefore, if at anytime you have suggestions, or if this particular system leaves any questions still unanswered, or if you have any suggestions concerning it, please let us know.

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(See separate page for continuation this letter, re ADMINISTRATION, PERSONNEL, LOCAL INTERPRETORS AND TYPISTS)

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3. ADMINISTRATION - PERSONNEL
LOCAL INTERPRETORS AND TYPISTS

In your letter of March 28, you inquired concerning the number of local interpretors and typists with TCA. At present all interpretors and typists locally hired are paid for by the Saudi Arabian Government and it is my understanding that this will continue in the future.

4. ADMINISTRATION - PERSONNEL
TCA, JIDDA, Personnel

Also, concerning the status of employees under Point 4, The Embassy accounts list the following:

Dunaway, Stacy, Kennedy, Stratton, E. Stacy,
Swearingen, Betzig, (and Dr. Young - pending).

The Brown group is still handled directly through USGS in Washington, and hence does not appear on Embassy accounts. In connection with this, refer to your letter to Dr. Young dated February 26 and to Dr. Young's letter to you dated February 9.

In your letter of April 12, you refer to back pay for Point 4 employees effective October 29, 1951. To whom does this refer?

When, in your understanding, did Brown and Jackson come under the Point 4 Program? This regards your statement concerning their home leave, because as noted above the Embassy has no employment record.

5. ADMINISTRATION - PERSONNEL
TCA, JIDDA, PERSONNEL
Embassy Support Program

Mr. Crawford of the Embassy has stated that the Embassy is recruiting a Mr. Hart to be a General Services Officer who will divide his work between Point 4 and the Embassy. They are also recruiting a Budget & Fiscal Officer, and a code clerk who will work in part with the Support Program.

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See separate page for continuation this letter, re
PROGRAM - BUDGET

6. PROGRAM
BUDGET

In order to clarify certain budgetary questions, I wish to go into a certain amount of detail. We have the following documents concerning the budget:

(a) Point 4 Country Program Authorization 030-470, including activity authorizations for Natural Resources; Economic Development; Education; two Health and Sanitation; Agriculture, Forests, and Fisheries; one Country Training Program.

(b) "TCA Program for Saudi Arabia, Fiscal Year 1953", summaries of projects by major categories and cost.

(c) Saudi Arabia and Yemen Country Programs, FY 1953 - in Summary Statement and Justification

(d) Office Memorandums through No. 33, dated January 31, 1952.

TOM: Will you see that we receive memorandums from that date and continue to receive them in the future?

(e) The instructions for 1953 Field Project Estimates, October 24, 1951.

(f) Work of Point 4 Field Party in Saudi Arabia and Egypt, December 10, 1951.

(g) Tentative rough draft of the Plan for Saudi Arabia - FY 1952.

(H) February 15, 1951. Field Administrative Support for Point 4 Program.

(i) The message from Bingham "Delegation of Authority to Country Directors". Unclassified Airgram, undated. Relative to the obligation of funds.

(j) Budget. Treasury Regulation No. 1. September, 1950.

If you have any other documents or instructions on budgetary procedures, program, etc., please send them to us.

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6. PROGRAM
BUDGET (Continued)

Also, we would like to receive the Saudi Arabian Country Book.

Referring to your letter to me of April 12, would you please define in greater detail the meaning of "lump sum allotments" (to Country Directors on a quarterly basis)?

Is there an"Activity Authorization" for the Public Administration and Government Services group? Note especially the terms of the Point 4 Agreement in Fields of Finance and Customs, dated September 25, 1951, signed by Glenn O. Abbey, and its relationship to budget insofar as the services for which the SAG is to be responsible.

Any information concerning our obligations and details of previous expenditures will be appreciated.

Does Section 2 of FS Finance Circular No. 98, June 29, 1951, entitled "Revised System of Funds Control" concerning local post expenses apply to TCA? On page 15, number 8.2 "Point 4 Projects", it states that "Separate instructions will be issued concerning the administration and control of funds allotted for the program expenses of technical cooperation projects." (See enclosure). Are the documents (a) through (j) listed above the "separate instructions" referred to in this circular?

Although it may seem as if we are asking many questions concerning the budget, I believe we are making progress toward understanding the problem and should in the near future be able to present you with at least a tentative document.

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(See separate page for continuation this letter, re AGREEMENTS)

AGREEMENTS

The Embassy has notified me of the response concerning Washington's approval of the SAG requests. I know that Dr. Stratton will be most interested to receive this reply and I am certain that you will be hearing in greater detail from him immediately. He and the Ambassador are planning a trip to Yemen soon which it is hoped will be productive of understanding with that country.

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(See separate page for continuation this letter, PROGRAM - Projects, Health, Agriculture

PROGRAM - Projects
HEALTH
AGRICULTURE

Relative to your wishes concerning the Health and Agricultural programs, and the needed technicians, I am certain that we will be able to give you definite data shortly.

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PROGRAM - Projects
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Dr. Young has told me that the SAG has responded favorably to the Banking Agency proposal. He leaving with Najib Bey for Riyadh the 23rd of April to take the final steps.

He is also optimistic concerning the currency proposals and hopes to see that agreement concluded shortly.

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PROGRAM - Projects
NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD GROUP

Concerning the Brown group, Brown and Jackson are currently working on the wells of the Riyadh water project. Dr. Brown was here briefly coming from Yenbo and leaving almost immediately for Riyadh with Mr. Husseinni. He would seem to be most dedicated to this work, and as a result of his many years in this area to have a great feeling for the problem of the Bedouin.

In many areas, there has been a serious drought for the last two or three years forcing the Bedouin to leave the desert areas and to seek relief at the oases and cities like Riyadh. Frequently, their condition is pitiful. When it showered recently in Riyadh, their joy was so great that they wept as they prayed and gave thanks. Certainly this work of water survey and water use is of extreme value to the country, and everything that we can do to develop careful and scientific use of water resources will be contributing to the long-run progress and well-being of the people of Arabia.

I hope in the near future to be able to write you a detailed description of Brown's work.

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(See separate page for continuation this letter,
GENERAL - ADMINISTRATION)

GENERAL - ADMINISTRATION
Reporting
Housing
Post Report
Job Descriptions

ADMINISTRATION - General

I have been working with Mr. Husseini concerning a myriad of administrative details and find him most cooperative. As time goes on, I believe most of these things will iron themselves out as it becomes more systematized.

REPORTING: I would most appreciate receiving all reports, surveys, studies, etc., on TCA projects and programs of other countries, as well as those of the U. N. agencies - Pan American Union, etc. Only as we build up comparative knowledge, can we hope to have an effective and successful program. I, for one, greatly feel the need of study and research, because I believe in the continuing nature of TCA. I most agree with you in the need for a reporting system and a continuous evaluation of the program. This is a matter I am working on with Dr. Stratton.

HOUSING: Also, we are sending you the chart of the area showing the residences, housing, etc., soon.

POST REPORT
JOB DESCRIPTIONS: A revised Post Report is in the process of being written, and most of the job descriptions have been made up.

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Please give my very best regards to everybody in the office. Thank you for your kindness and interest in our work.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Betzig

Enclosures:
Excerpt from p.15 FS Finance Circular No.98, June 29, 1951.
Memo from Young to Betzig, April 20, 1952, re VoicEraser.

SEPARATE-PAGE PROCEDURE

You will notice that in this letter, we've used separate pages for separate items. I have found in going through previous and current correspondence that where we've referred to several items in one letter, it's necessary to cross reference, both in the files and in memory. Thus, the method used in this letter is more or less "trial and error", and we hope that by writing to you in this way, we shall be able to keep our information on different subjects up-to-date and separated.

You may, of course, do what you find most convenient for your own reference and filing in writing letters to us. And, Tom, if this separate-page procedure does not prove at all helpful to you also, please let us know. We realize it makes for a more bulky letter, yet hope as the program develops here, this method will save time in reference and filing. Your comments on this will be appreciated.

ERB

April 23, 1952

JOB DESCRIPTION

TECHNICAL ADVISOR TCA (Customs) FSS-1 Mr. John A. Dunaway

Advises the foreign government upon all phases of customs organization and administration problems, including the form and content of tariffs and other taxation on foreign trade; makes use of experience and training in customs and tariff administration; observes, studys, and analyzes existing legislation and regulations as they work out in actual operation as basis for recommending improvements consistent with the economic, social and governmental conditions and the capabilities of the available personnel to effectuate the recommendations; exercises general oversight and guidance of the Technical Advisor on Tariffs in drafting tariff legislation not only with reference to generally accepted canons of taxation but also from the standpoint of effective administration; confers with Minister of Finance, Director General of Customs and other top level officials on existing customs policies and legislation; also with the officials of lower rank who are in direct charge of customs operations and procedures whose action in the long run largely determine the effectiveness of customs legislation; receives guidance on general policy from Chief of Financial Mission but has broad latitude and responsibility for independent judgment and initiative in making recommendations.

April 23, 1952.

JOB DESCRIPTION

TECHNICAL ADVISOR TCA (TARIFF) TCA-4 Mr. Robert B. Kennedy

Advises the foreign government on tariff policy and improvements and assists the Technical Advisor TCA (Customs) on customs administration problems; makes use of personal experience and training in tariff policy and administration; through research develops economic and statistical analysis of existing tariff policies, laws and regulations; makes recommendations for improvement of tariff policy, including level and type of duty, basis of valuation and style of tariff nomenclature and also for improvements of customs administration; drafts proposed tariff laws and regulations; discusses existing tariff policies and proposed improvements with the Minister of Finance, the Director General of Customs and regional customs directors, and other high financial officials of the country; has day to day contact with local customs officials on matters of operations and administration; receives general policy guidance from the Chief of the Financial Mission and receives both general and specific assignments from the Technical Advisor TCA (Customs) but has broad latitude and responsibility for independent judgment and initiative in making recommendations.

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

April 23, 1952.

Dear Mr. Fahoum:

It is requested that the Saudi Arabian Government supply two tires, size 760 x 15, for the car now officially used by Dr. Arthur N. Young, Technical Cooperation Administration.

These tires are needed to replace two badly worn tires currently in use.

Your kind cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Mr. Badr S. Fahoum,
Government Representative to
Michael Baker, Inc.,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

bc: Fuad Najjar

Brown

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

April 26, 1952.

Dear Mr. Kidd:

I have read with interest the letter dated January 28, 1952, addressed to you by Mr. Donald M. Baker.

From the point of view of TCA, it would not seem advisable at this time to engage the services of an engineering firm for a study of ground-water resources. At the moment, in addition to Dr. Brown, we have two other geologists working in the field on the development of water resources.

In the few weeks which have elapsed since our very pleasant visit in Washington and New York, I feel as if I had become an old Saudi Arabian hand. Just yesterday I returned from Dhahran where I had a very interesting and worthwhile visit.

I found the Aramco officials quite helpful and cooperative, and I came away impressed not only with the achievements Aramco is making in this country, but with the pioneering work they have done and are still doing in what might be called the Point 4 area.

I want this note to be a belated expression of my sincere appreciation for your many kindnesses before I left for Saudi Arabia.

With best wishes to you,

Sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Mr. Philip C. Kidd,
Arabian American Oil Company,
505 Park Avenue,
New York 22, New York

bc: Dr. Thomas A. Hart, TCA, Wash.

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

April 26, 1952.

Dear Mr. Butler:

Before leaving Dhahran, I had hoped to have a final visit with you. I do wish, however, to express to you my sincere appreciation for your friendly helpfulness to me during my visit.

I came away impressed not only with the fine job Aramco is doing but with the feeling that I shall have the cooperation of a very competent group of men in the tasks I shall be undertaking in the next few months.

I would, by the way, appreciate it if you could send me the full names and titles of the officials with whom I talked in Dhahran.

I hope someday I may have the pleasure of meeting you here in Jidda.

With best wishes to you,

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Mr. John Butler,
Public Relations,
Arabian American Oil Company,
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

April 26, 1952.

Dear Garry:

As you can imagine my desk is loaded with details that need some attention, but I do want to express to you my sincere appreciation for making my visit to Dhahran not only worthwhile but a very pleasant interlude. It is very encouraging to me to have the friendly good will of a group of men so competent in their knowledge of the problems which confront me.

Perhaps I am too optimistic, but I believe in the not-too-distant future Point 4 will be actively negotiating some important projects and programs. I have already taken steps to have Washington initiate recruitment of experts in the fields of public health, education, and agriculture. I know that these experts on arrival in Jidda will want to have the benefit of discussions with some of your people.

I do not have on hand the name of the man suggested to me by Mr. Gildea as advisor on the railroad survey. I can tell you, however, that from correspondence that arrived while I was away, Washington has gone rather far in its negotiations with Mr. Sinclair. It is therefore my present feeling that it is probably too late for me to suggest some other individual. The recommendations which have come to me regarding Mr. Sinclair seem to be very good, but I am somewhat concerned that Mr. Gildea, although mentioning that he knew Mr. Sinclair, said very little about his competency for the work I have in mind.

Do you think it would be asking too much of Mr. Gildea to express the hope that he might give me a fairly detailed estimate of the cost of the railroad survey? I shall not write to him along these lines until I hear from you.

Mr. Garry Owen,
Arabian American Oil Company,
Executive House,
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

BC: DR. HART

It would be my hope that automotive equipment for a field group would not have to be supplied by Point 4, with the possibilities of delayed deliveries from the states.

Marjorie, I know, has called on your attractive wife, and I had an opportunity to chat with her a few minutes aboard Mr. Cotton's yacht on Wednesday evening.

All goes well here, and we look forward to your early return to Jidda.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

DR. HART (TO)
4-26-52

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

RESTRICTED April 26, 1952

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Dear Tom:

I shall try to report briefly on my trip to Riyadh and Dhahran.

TRIP TO RIYADH AND DHAHRAN, APRIL 10.

The Ambassador and I arrived in Riyadh via Saudi plane about noon. We went to the palace guest house, lunched with various officials, and in the afternoon I was presented to His Majesty. It was more or less a protocol call, and we did not discuss in any great detail the work of Point 4. In the course of the afternoon, I talked with various other Saudi officials.

The Ambassador and I dined with the Crown Prince at his palace. With the Crown Prince, we discussed at considerable length Point 4 objectives. I think I can add nothing to your knowledge of the Crown Prince. He certainly seems to be interested in, and a supporter of, Point 4 programs, but to what extent he desires or is in a position to help us implement Point 4 work, it is difficult for me to judge.

We were informed by him that SAG would request Point 4 programs in Education and Public Health, and that the letter of request would soon reach us.

He also discussed the desirability of the railroad survey and expressed the hope that Point 4 would go ahead with this matter.

Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Chief Country Division, NEADS,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

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TRIP TO RIYADH AND DHAHRAN, APRIL 10 (Continued)

Later in the evening, the Ambassador and I called on the Minister of Finance. We talked about Point 4, but he was particularly interested in the railroad survey and talked most of that. We made it very clear to the Finance Minister that if Point 4 went ahead with the survey that was all we would do, and SAG should not count on Point 4 to help in any way to finance construction of the railroad. The Finance Minister certainly understands our position, but indicated that if the SAG accepted recommendations of a Point 4 railroad survey he felt that SAG would then be in a position to attempt to get some financial aid - perhaps from the International Bank or the Export-Import Bank. We again made it clear that the question of financing could not be a matter of interest to Point 4.

During our visit to Riyadh, Colonel Shishacly (sp?) and his staff from Syria were also visiting there. The rumor was to the effect that the Syrian Government was hopeful of getting a sizable loan from SAG.

I stayed overnight at Riyadh and left the following morning in the Syrian plane with the Syrian party for Dhahran. I was taken by Consul General Bishop to meet the Amir Saud ibn Juluwi, Governor of Al Hasa Province. Subsequently through his arrangements we spent a day at Hofuf. I also visited Ras Tannura and Abqaiq. Two other days, I visited Dammam. I met and had conferences with the top officials of Aramco and with many other officials who were concerned with agriculture, public health, and education.

Aramco, of course, has been the original Point 4, and I believe that they will be very cooperative and helpful to us as our programs develop. Garry Owen, who is their liaison officer with the SAG, was in Dhahran during my stay and was most helpful in arranging for conferences for me.

Hofuf looks like a possible center for an agricultural demonstration school. I saw Al Kharj only very briefly, but as you know there is a large farm there which apparently at present supplies vegetables only to the royal family. Possibly our agriculture team could interest SAG in making a broader use of this area.

RAILROAD SURVEY

At this writing, the Ambassador and I have come to no final decision with regard to steps to be taken in line with Depttel 394 giving what appears to be somewhat reluctant approval to a Point 4 railroad survey.

Inasmuch as we now have received a request from the SAG for Point 4 technical assistance in Public Health and Education and inasmuch as I have been informed by Dr. Young that real progress is being made on the Financial Mission's recommendations, it seems to me we are reasonably certain in believing that by acquiescing to the request for the railroad survey we shall be able to start programs in all the other fields.which we have suggested to the SAG. Actually, the Government is in the process of publishing a decree establishing a financial agency. I shall keep you informed on this matter, and attempt to give a revised budget estimate for FY-1953.

(For continuation this letter, see next page (4) re PERSONNEL - Sinclair)

PERSONNEL - SINCLAIR

It is my present thought that Sinclair might be recruited as Chief of Transportation and Communications. In this capacity, his first job would be to study and make recommendations to me with regard to procedure to carry out a Point 4 railroad survey. We need an experienced and thoroughly competent man for this position.

I was somewhat concerned that Mr. Gildea mentioned knowing Mr. Sinclair but was reticent when I inquired as to his competency. However, I must leave it for you to judge whether or not Mr. Sinclair is the man for this job.

I believe it more important now to appoint a Chief of Transportation and Communication than to recruit a programming or executive officer. (I shall probably be cabling you with regard to Sinclair and the need for appointment of Chief of Transportation and Communication.)

(For continuation this letter, see next page (5), re ADMINISTRATION - Leasing of Housing and Purchasing of Furniture)

ADMINISTRATION
Leasing of Housing and Purchasing of Furniture

I note your comment on Mr. Chaille visit and recommendations. I am still living in the hotel and could not possibly lease a house in Jidda within my rental allowance. Mr. Chaille's recommendations, however, were not confined to my housing problem but to that of the TCA staff. It was his original thought that when the Embassy moved to the new compound TCA might take over some of existing Embassy leases and also use such funds as might be necessary for repair and furnishing of these leased quarters. I cabled sometime ago that TCA was not interested in taking over any of the present Embassy leases which would be available.

As you know, at the Ambassador's request I shall have an office in the new Embassy compound. Furthermore, at the Ambassador's request, the furnishing of that office should be from TCA funds.

I quote the following from Mr. Chaille's memorandum of March 13, 1952:

> "3. Furniture may be rented if necessary and if available pending arrangements for acquisition of Government-owned furnishings. ....may include air conditioning units, so essential for living in Jidda. . . . . Purchased furnishings shall be inventoried in accordance with the Department's regulations.
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> "4. The foregoing authorizations for leasing, repairs, and furnishings are chargeable to TCA program funds in the TCA Program Allotment in appropriation 19-1121000, Mutual Security Act, Executive (Allotment to State) 1952."

With this authorization, I am planning to go to Cairo within a few days to select and order furnishings for the TCA office in the Embassy compound and also to make some purchases of furniture for the house which has been approved to be erected for the U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation. The scarcity of furniture here for houses being erected for TCA, and the slowness of the delivery of furniture, necessitates my making use of the authorization quoted above for this purpose.

(For continuation this letter, see next page (6),re ADMINISTRATION - Housing, Continued)

HOUSING - Continued

At the moment there are still no houses available for any incoming TCA staff. In fact, as of today Mr. Betzig has had to move to the hotel since Mrs. Dunaway is arriving and the Dunaways wish to have their house alone. There is some question, which I am working on, as to the SAG's paying for Mr. Betzig's room and board at the hotel. As you perhaps know, the rates of the hotel are very high and not in line with what any government employee could be expected to spend for rental. I am awaiting a cable from Najib Bey as to whether SAG will pay Betzig's expenses.

Ground has not yet been broken for the new apartment house and the few houses under erection in the Baker compound are progressing rather slowly. There are some so-called "barracks" available for single men, and one was offered to Mr. Betzig with the suggestion that new single men coming in could occupy them at least till the new apartment was built. I have inspected these barracks and have indicated that they would not be suitable for any TCA personnel.

I am asking Mr. Betzig to prepare a more detailed report of the whole housing situation and its relation to recruitment.

(For continuation this letter, see next page (7),re CAIRO TRIP)

CAIRO TRIP

I have had an exhange of telegrams with Cairo with regard to my proposed visit. The latest one quotes as follows:

> (En Clair) "Dr. Walker, OFAR in Point 4 matters in Cairo April 28, 29, 30. Could you arrange proposed trip to confer with him?" (signed) Caffery

It is our interpretation that this telegram indicates Dr. Walker will not be coming to Jidda.

In Cairo, I am also anxious to talk with LaRocca about general Point 4 problems and administrative matters.

(For continuation this letter, see next page (8) re PERSONNEL - Langdon)

PERSONNEL - Langdon

Langdon was originally recruited as an Administrative Assistant in the Financial Field Group. Dr. Young has indicated that he has no need nor desire for an Administrative Assistant. Mr. Betzig is now performing that function very competently for me, so for the time being I do not feel justified in asking that Langdon be sent to Jidda.

When actual negotiations for projects get underway, it is probable that Mr. Betzig will be busy helping me with such negotiations. I assume, however, that you will continue your recruitment of an agriculture group and for technical assistants in the fields of public health and education.

(For continuation this letter, see next page(9),re Closing.)

GENERAL (closing)

It was good to have your helpful letters upon my return from Dhahran. I only wish that it did not take so long for letters to reach me or for mind to reach you. I shall keep closely in touch with you with regard to the railroad survey.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

RESTRICTED April 26, 1952.

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Dear Tom:

Referring to DeptTel 391, I am requested to express my opinion with regard to Boylston Green as candidate Country Director in the Middle East.

I have forgotten whether I have discussed Dr.Green with you when I was in Washington or not. I did recommend him to Foreign Service personnel but not, I think, specifically in connection with a TCA Country Directorship. I am sure you or the appropriate officials have his curriculum vitae.

I knew him personally first as a member of my faculty as an instructor in English, and then as Dean of Men - a position to which I appointed him. I subsequently recommended him for the presidency of Emerson College in Boston, which position he held for two or three years when he was invited to become president of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. Apparently he ran into some difficulties there, for he resigned rather suddenly after approximately two years in office.

I feel confident that Green would make a competent officer in the Department of State, but in recommending him I have more in mind work in the field of education - administration of Fulbright Scholarships - USIE - etc.

Green is ambitious, has I believe a keen, alert mind, makes a good impression, is a good public speaker, etc.

Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Chief Country Division, NEADS,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

I am not sure that he has rubbed shoulders sufficiently with what might be called "practical men" - engineers, businessmen, etc. - to have a grasp of down-to-earth economic and social problems or the faculty for working with men who must deal with such problems.

Green is an intimate friend of mine, and I think very highly of him. I should not wish, therefore, my comments to seen to be adverse. I should much prefer that you or whoever is considering him should make your own judgment based on more than superficial interviews. In the right country and under the right circumstances, he might prove to be exceedingly competent in the TCA Program.

If this question of Green's candidacy does not happen to be in your bailiwick, I shall appreciate it if you will pass on my comments in strictest confidence to whomever may be interested.

I have just returned from Dhahran, but will report on that visist in a separate letter.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

EmbTel sent 4-26 re Green, also.

TRIP TO RIYADH AND DHAHRAN, APRIL 10 (Continued)

Perhaps my most important conferences were with Mr. Gildea, Manager of the Dammam-Riyadh Railroad and some of his associates. I also spent several hours with Mr. A. M. Short, Aramco geologist who was a member of the survey party which has recently published a preliminary study of a Riyadh to Jidda railroad and made recommendations for a route. Mr. Short indicated that there had not been time for a careful geological survey but he did mention some interesting bits of evidence he thought he had found.

I asked Mr. Gildea what he thought it would cost to do the sort of survey which would lead to a final decision for a route from Riyadh to Jidda. He was unable to make any definite estimate, but would seem to feel that 100,000 dollars would be a minimum cost and would not include very much in the way of a geological survey. Perhaps he would be willing to give us a more accurate estimate as we continue our discussions of the proposed Point 4 survey.

(For continuation this letter, see next page (3) re RAILROAD SURVEY)

April 26, 1952

HARE informed Dept that SAG had no recommendations to make for conference on irrigation in Spokane as far as officials to attend.

April 26, 1952

Hare - Told Dept that letter was being written concerning Green today.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

RESTRICTED

April 27, 1952

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Dear Tom:

RAILROAD SURVEY - and PERSONNEL: Recruitment

Refer page 3 my letter April 26.

As of today, the Ambassador and I have agreed that he should write to the Minister of Finance saying we accept in principle SAG request as expressed in letter of March 16, 1952. Letter will also request SAG to have appropriate officials get in touch with me to initiate negotiations for specific projects mentioned in letter.

WRITTEN DATED APRIL 28

I urge, therefore, the employment as soon as possible of a Chief of Transportation and Communication, a Chief of Health and Sanitation, a Chief of Agriculture, and a Chief of Education.

I suggest that the first men to come out should be chiefs of these groups since they will be responsible for determining the scope of the projects and for helping me with concluding final project agreements in these areas. They will be in a position to know what further staff needs they will have.

In urging the employment of these individuals, I must repeat that at the moment there are no available houses or apartments. It is not possible in this country to name a completion date for houses which seem to be under construction at the moment. It seems to me, therefore, that these people should come first without family and be prepared to live in the Gardens Hotel. I think it would be wiser to offer them the top salary you can without making too many commitments as to whether or not they will have cars and drivers, and without too definite promises with regard to future housing.

(For continuation this letter, see page (2) re BUDGET)

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BUDGET

Re Depttel received about April 26, starting out "Peterson unavailable - ", I confess that although Ed and I have worked hours trying to unravel the budget situation, we do not feel too well informed on this whole matter. It is easy to know that we have obligated no funds, for example, under the program authorization for education. We do not have exact knowledge of what has been obligated under the authorization for natural resources.

In a document which arrived from you today, dated April 9, you indicate that 59,000 dollars had been obligated as of March 31. Does this include the contract for the aerial survey done for the Brown group? If so, the sum would seem to be small for the total obligations through March 31. I cannot find out from Dr. Brown just what his budget situation is.

It is my assumption, however, that FY 1952 funds authorized for individual fields of activity can now be obligated only if certain personnel can be employed prior to the end of EY 1952.

I am suggesting obligating funds for the personnel listed above and also for an accounting officer for the Financial Group and a Budget and Finance Officer for my Economic Development and Program staff. It is my assumption that such Budget and Finance Officer (I believe you mentioned Elra Green) would be competently trained in budget routines and would be responsible for budgeting affairs in all the fields of activity.

(For continuation this letter, see page (3) re TRIP TO CAIRO)

TRIP TO CAIRO

A recent cable from Caffery, Cairo, indicates Dr. Walker has already left and is in Beirut. His suggestion was that I should go to Beirut to see him. Actually the cable arrived today, and Dr. Walker, according to the cable, will not be in Beirut after tomorrow. I believe, however, that I shall go to Cairo and take Mr. Betzig with me.

Purchasing of furniture for the Embassy compound TCA office and of certain items for my own house is only one reason for this trip.

Both the Ambassador and I feel that Mr. Betzig could profitably spend some time with the TCA administrative group and some of the Embassy group with attempt to clarify certain budgetary and administrative problems.

I am not clear as to my authority to make this trip and take Betzig with me, but since time is of the essence we are planning to go early next week. Please inform me if in the future I should get authorization.

Informed
Not necessary
to get
clearance from
Embassy. Field
Circular 6 covers this.

YOUR CONFERENCE WITH ENGLISH, BUCK, et al - RAILROAD SURVEY

Mr. Gildea gave me a copy of his report on the proposed route for Riyadh-Jidda railroad at the time I talked with him about this whole matter in Dhahran. I talked with English and Buck before they left Jidda. My impressions were that they did not see eye-to-eye on the proposed railroad, that English seemed to be opposed to it and favored development of highways.

I got the impression, however, that if a railroad were to be built, Bechtel would like to have the contract. I had the feeling that Bechtel would also enter a contract for making a final survey for a route, if asked to do so by Point 4.

I recall indicating that it would seem to me if Point 4 paid for the survey and contracted out for the work, it would have to be on the basis of competitive bidding.

RE: YOUR LETTER APRIL 9 "FUTURE PLANNING"

You indicate that SAG should defray the cost of "this final type survey." No commitments have been made that Point 4 would in any way help finance construction of a railroad, but it is my belief that SAG interprets technical assistance with regard to this railroad survey as meaning that Point 4 will provide the experts who will do the survey and make recommendations.

Of course, this railroad survey is only one of many projects they have requested, and each project is a matter of negotiation as to the proportion of expenses to be borne by the respective governments.

Also, under number "3." you say, "the Quid pro quod (should) be (b) a written recommendation from the SAG to us for the development of the Asir...etc." Frankly, I doubt very much if we could ask for a written recommendation for such a broad proposition as you mention. It seems to me that our setup is to negotiate project agreements on health and sanitation, on education, on agriculture, on transportation and communication; and it should be for the chiefs of these field groups to determine in consultation with me what specific projects they wish to contract and what their staffing needs would be.

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RE: YOUR LETTER APRIL 9 "FUTURE PLANNING"
(Continued)

I do not think it desirable or feasible at present to set aside the Asir as one area in which all field groups would be concentrated.

I have talked at length with Dr. Brown, and of course know that he is enthusiastic about the possible development of the Asir. I doubt if he is confident that we could presently sell the SAG on making a very large investment in all the areas mentioned for the development of the Asir.

They are determined to build a Riyadh-Jidda railroad, and it seems to me that Point 4 activities will have to be largely in the area in which the railroad will serve.

(For continuation this letter, see page (-6-), re PERSONNEL - Recruitment - Mr. Charles D. Pool)

PERSONNEL - RECRUITMENT - MR. CHARLES L. POOL

From your letter of April 9, and enclosures, Mr. Pool seems to have a satisfactory background for becoming Chief of Health and Sanitation field party. As soon as we have Washington's approval of the SAG request for technical assistance in Health and Sanitation, and Education, we are in a position to have a chief of Health and Sanitation come here at the earliest possible moment (always having in mind my comments on housing).

555 CORRECTED AND CHANGED ERROR BY LTR OF MAY 4.52 TO HART

(For continuation this letter, see page (-7-), re GLEN BROWN)

MEANT TO REFER TO MR. ROY M. HARRIS - NOT POOL.

GLEN BROWN

As you point out, Glen Brown is well known and well received in Saudi Arabia.

Unfortunately, I feel he is called upon for two many hurry-up jobs of trying to provide water here and there, when he would prefer to work on the long-range water resources problems. I doubt if anything can be done about this angle at present.

In Dhahran, I was shown a telegram received at Aramco from His Majesty practically ordering the drilling of more wells in Riyadh. While I was in Dhahran, Brown arrived in Riyadh and he and Aramco personnel set about immediately to arrange for drilling of wells. I assume Brown was summoned to Riyadh by the government.

GLEN BROWN
ROY JACKSON - HOME LEAVE

I am very happy to recommend home leaves for Brown and Jackson to take effect in September. Jackson is in the field, so I have not had an opportunity to talk with him, but Brown did say that Brown and Jackson would like to attend a conference in Algiers in September.

Brown, however, did not make specific request for leave in September at this time. He seemed to feel that whether he should be away then would depend in part on getting contracts through for an aerial survey before he left.

I shall continue to discuss with him this question of leaves and once I am certain that both Jackson and Brown wish home leaves in September I shall definitely make that recommendation in accordance with their wishes.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Chron

April 27, 1952

HARE suggested to department that geologists for railroad survey work under the Transportation and Communication group under its chief rather than become related to water resources group.

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MUST GO UNDER NAT.
RESOURCES.

Chron

April 27, 1952

HARE recommended consideration of Trans. and Comm. chief who could begin in implementation of survey of railroad request. Believes that Sinclair who might be such a man would be currently more useful than officers for programming or executive officer.

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

April 27, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

RE: Estimate of Saudi Arabian Government Expenditures Fiscal Year 1952, Fiscal Year 1953, in Cooperation with Point 4.

In preparing an estimate of budgetary obligations for the Point 4 program in Saudi Arabia, it is necessary that an estimate be given the Department of State as to the approximate funds, and value of services and goods provided or authorized by the Saudi Arabian Government for Point 4 under the terms of the general agreement between the two Governments signed on January 17, 1951.

It would be helpful if you could provide the estimate of Saudi Arabian Government contributions to the Point 4 Program for Fiscal Year 1952. In this estimate, will you list the items provided, giving their dollar value, and giving any further information which you consider essential.

The Department of State has also requested an estimate of the contemplated Saudi Arabian Government contribution under the Point 4 Program for Fiscal Year 1953.

Your assistance in this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

April 27, 1952.

Messrs. J. G. L. Werry
and G. deRuiter
c/o Aramco, Ras Tanura
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Dear Sirs:

Relative to your letter of April 15, 1952, concerning the opportunity for work in the economics field, I am sorry to say that we have nothing to offer you at present.

I appreciate your interest in the Point 4 Program and can assure you that if in the future we have need of your services we will inform you of the same.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Chron

April 28

HARE advised couldn't obligate funds for FY 52 in addition unless before end of FY 52 could hire Chiefs of four units, plus accounting expert and budget man. Recommended hiring them soonest. Also said Sinclair and Pool o.k.

corrected by letter, put thought unnecessary to correct any other means.

Chron

April 29, 1952

HARE asked if allowances locally would be applied to Yemen trip of if TO's would be issued from Washington.

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

April 29, 1952.

Dear Dr. Penrose:

On March 22, Dr. Stratton wrote you concerning Professor Izzeddin's survey, "Project for Establishing a Commercial School at Jidda."

Since as of this date he has received no reply from you, he believes that possibly the letter was misdirected or delayed in the mails, and has therefore requested that I send you the copy enclosed.

Dr. Stratton sends you his best regards.

Sincerely yours,

also Mr Miss

(Miss) Lavonne Swearingen
Secretary to Dr. Stratton

Dr. Stephen Penrose, President,
American University of Beirut,
Beirut, Lebanon

Enclosure:
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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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April 29, 1952.

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Dear Tom:

At Dhahran, Mr. Gildea mentioned to me a General Raymond A. Wheeler, Director of Engineering and Technical Advice of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 1818 H. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

In discussing the railroad survey with Gildea, I mentioned that I might give consideration to having a competent person sent out here for a limited period to advise with me in the matter of getting a railroad survey underway under Point 4 sponsorship. I mentioned Sinclair to Gildea, but as I have previously told you, although he was acquainted with Sinclair, he said very little about him.

My subsequent thinking - since talking with Gildea - has been that instead of asking for an advisor on a limited time period, I should ask for the immediate recruitment of a Chief of Transportation and Communication Field Group.

As I wired, I leave it to your judgment as to whether Sinclair would be our man. In any event, as the railroad survey matter develops you might wish to get in touch with General Wheeler. Although the SAG is not now a member of the International Bank and perhaps never will be, it should not be overlooked that SAG might wish to become a member and request some financial aid in building the road.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Chief Country Division, NEADS,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

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April 29, 1952

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Dear Tom:

PROJECTS: AGRICULTURAL

I am enclosing two documents which will be of interest to you if you have not previously seen them.

The report on the Al Kharj should be of interest to anyone you may be recruiting as Chief of our Agricultural Field Group. Certainly Al Kharj could be a center for an agricultural demonstration and experimental station under TCA sponsorship.

PROJECTS: FINANCIAL

The establishment of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency stands out, I think, as a very important achievment of TCA and, of course, is the work of Dr. Young. I believe the establishment of this agency may be regarded as one of the Quid Pro Quods you mentioned in regard to the railroad survey.

It also, if it functions properly, should be one factor in introducing a sound financial plan for railroad construction.

(For continuation this letter, see page (-2-)re ADMINISTRATION - TCA OFFICE-general)

Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Chief Country Division NEADS,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

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ADMINISTRATION - TCA office - General

I want to bring to you attention an entirely different matter, which may seem of small importance to you. I believe, however, it is important from the point of view of morale of personnel.

The Embassy runs a launch to a nearby island each Friday, for the use of Embassy personnel, and TCA personnel have been extended the privileges of this weekly trip. It seems to me only fair that TCA funds should, therefore, bear some of the cost of operation.

I assume that our local funds may be used to make a modest contribution toward operations of this launch, and I have asked Betzig to make the proper arrangements. I would certainly like, however, to have much more definite information as to the use of our local funds.

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With all best wishes to you,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

P. S. I am enclosing also a copy of Dr. Young's report of April 29.

Enclosures: (3)
1. Report on Al Kharj Agricultural Project, 4-7-52
2. Decree No. 30/4/1/1046, Apr 20,1952 re SA Monetary Agency.
3. April 29,1952 report on SA Finance by Dr.Young, (CONFIDENTIAL)

REPORT ON TCA HOUSING April 30, 1952.

The enclosed chart is to the best of our knowledge the fixed plan of development of the Baker Compound. The houses and buildings numbered in red are either currently occupied or are to be occupied by TCA personnel on their completion.

Obviously, one of the difficulties will be to coordinate the readiness of occupancy of a house with the arrival of TCA technicians or personnel. The need for houses and existance of houses should come relatively at the same time. If not, there is always the danger that the SAG or FAO or some influential individual will take an unoccupied house.

At the moment, the housing needs are as follows:

(1) The need for a temporary house for Dr. Stratton during the construction of his house. Plans have been drawn up and approved for a house for Dr. Stratton on a somewhat larger scale than the other houses. Its construction is supposed to be pushed, but nothing has been done at present. Although I do not know its exact location, it will be someplace on the Baker compound and should be ready within four months.

(2) With the arrival of the Kennedy family in late summer or early autumn, the Stacys will need a house.

(3) The need of a house for the Accounting Expert if he comes with a family. It might be added that Najib Bey is, rightfully I believe, opposed to a bachelor's occupying a house by himself.

(4) (5) (6) and (7) Depending upon the recruitment program, houses will be needed for the Chiefs of Transportation, and Communication, Agriculture, Health and Sanitation, and Education.

On the termination of the office building, two houses now occupied as office buildings by FAO and the Natural Resources Group will be available for houses. The office building is progressing rapidly, with part of the cement roof being poured already. One problem will be the air conditioning unit which is on order in the United States. At present, it is not known when it will come, but at least several months may elapse before its arrival.

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All Point 4 missions and FAO will have offices in the office building, and no homes will be used in the future for such purposes.

There are seven houses in construction, with three of them being in fairly advanced stage, having roofs poured. These houses are being built by a private constructor and not by Baker. The air conditioning units for them are available in Jidda. It is believed that adequate furnishings also exist in Jidda. These three houses should be ready for occupancy within a month to a month and a half, on the premise that progress continues at the present rate. (Not always very certain)

The other four houses are in varying degrees of construction and probably will be ready for occupancy within four months, I'd say, or perhaps sooner. This would give us a total of nine houses within the next four months, depending on the completion of the office building for two of them.

At the present time the apartment house construction has only advanced to the point of having the stakes laid out. Mr. Husseini states that he is attempting to push its construction, but at present nothing has been done. It is doubtful if it will be ready within six months. The problem of the apartment house appears to lie in Baker's many obligations. The air conditioning unit should not be a problem, as it is on order in the United States.

Baker is planning first to build a unit containing six single bedroom apartments and then an additional four in the near future.

Besides the families listed above who need houses, the following personnel are also in need of TCA quarters:

(1) Miss Lavonne Swearingen, who is currently living in an Embassy apartment in the city with an Embassy secretary.

(2) Myself. I am staying temporarily at the Gardens Hotel. I am planning to share the house of Bob Kennedy until his family arrives. This is premised on a house becoming available in the near future for the Stacys. After the Kennedy family arrives, perhaps I will be able to move into the apartment house or to share a house with some other bachelor.

As noted

As noted in a previous letter to you, the Embassy compound is not likely to be ready for use until August or September. They still do not have a water supply, a sewage system, or adequate lighting. They have placed an order for a very large generator. Mr. Hopper and Mr. Purdy and their families are now occupying two houses in the new compound. However, they depend upon water brought by tank car and have temporary lighting.

When the Embassy compound is finished, it is likely that in the future TCA personnel will not be able to share Embassy quarters, as Miss Swearingen does at the present.

As noted on the housing list, Fuad and Kamal Najjar, Secretaries for the Financial and Natural Resources missions respectively, live in the Brown office. I do not know if they will continue to do so on the termination of that office building. This will have to be decided.

We will give up the temporary office building upon completion of the new building. Husseini has stated that the SAG will do most of the furnishing of the new office building, except for such equipment as typewriters and safes that are not easily obtainable in Jidda. It is also understood that they will continue to furnish completely the new houses.

The previously furnished houses are fairly adequately supplied with living room, bedroom, dining room, and kitchen furnishings - including towels and bed linen. We can inform you in the future about various items not supplied, but up to now some china, silverware, and glassware have been furnished also.

(6 single - 4 [illegible] bed room apts

Current housing plans will provide for 16 families and a potential of 10 single bedroom apartments. If it seems likely that the mission will be larger than this, additional plans will have to be made.

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In the case of personnel who will be primarily working in the interior of Saudi Arabia, I believe we ought to give serious consideration in the future to the employment of single men or married men who are able to come to Arabia alone. If the mission grows to its full complement and there are many field men, it would mean entire houses occupied the majority of the time by one person - the wife. This would be especially serious in the case of experts coming to Saudi Arabia on a short term contract. I would appreciate your consideration and comments on this matter.

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In accordance with the numbering on the enclosed blueprint, I am listing the corresponding names of the persons or organizations occupying those houses or offices:

1. In construction
2. In construction
3. In construction
4. John Dunaway
5. In construction
6. In construction
7. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dougherty
8. Mr. and Mrs. John Stacy, Robert Kennedy
9. FAO office
10. Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Jackson
11. Mr. Thomas Smallwood; Mr. J. D. Tothill of FAO staff
12. Dr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Young
13. Glen Brown office (also home of Fuad and Kamal Najjar)
14. Dr. and Mrs. Glen F. Brown
15. In construction
16. In construction
17. TCA office building in construction
18. TCA office building - temporary present offices
19. Apartment building - planned but not in construction

(?) Dr. and Mrs. Stratton

A. Home of Assistant Minister of Finance
B. Mr. and Mrs. Badr S. Fahoum, Govt Rep to BAKER
C. Mr. and Mrs. Emil George, Liaison Officer, SA-BAKER.
D. Najib Bey Salha
E. Unoccupied. Rented by Mr. Buck (?)
F. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Administrator, BAKER.

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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April 30, 1952.

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Edward Betzig

RE: Report on TCA Housing

Enclosed is a report on the current status of TCA housing in Jidda. Also enclosed is a blueprint of the houses and offices now located on the Baker compound.

I believe you will find the last paragraph on page three with regard to field personnel of particular importance to the recruitment program.

Edward Betzig

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April 30, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: TCA Staff

RE: Christian Cemetary Contributions

Ambassador Hare is chairman of the Cemetary Committee this year. The Christian Cemetary is entirely supported by voluntary contributions of the Christian colony.

The Embassy has indicated that it will appreciate any contributions received from TCA personnel.

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

cc: Financial mission ,TCA
Natural Resources, TCA
Embassy

LIST OF RESIDENCE FURNISHINGS ORDERED FOR SAMUEL S. STRATTON
through American Embassy, Cairo, Egypt May 1, 1952.
(Also one office item)

Modern style dining room table (plain oak)

2 Chairs - leather seats - arms

8 chairs - leather seats - no arms

2 Queen Anne open arm chairs

3 bridge tables

1 side board

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1 coffee table (for office)

PRICES WERE NOT QUOTED. PRICES UNAVAILABLE AT PRESENT.

cc: Dr.Hart,Wash.

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United States of America

P. O. No._____

Date_____

TO:
Eta. NOBILIS
19, Sharia Soliman Pasha
Cairo.

CONSIGN TO:
American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt.

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
Desk: Flat top, executive, wood, 66 x 40	1	78.000	78.000
Desk: Secretary's, wood, Standard (typewriter stand on left)60 x 34	1	42.000	42.000
Davenport: Leather, upholstered	1	42.000	42.000
Table: Executive, wood, 96 x 40	1	45.000	45.000

Charged to Point IV, Jidda
Approp. 19-1121000, Mutual Security Act,
Executive (Allotment to State) 1952

TOTAL:

L.E. 207.000

ORDER PLACED BY:

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director, Technical Cooperation,
Jidda
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Cairo.

CONSIGN TO:
American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT L.E
Chair, Executive, rotary with arms, leather upholstered.	1	24.000	24.000
Chair, Leather upholstered seat and back with arms, wood	10	13.000	130.600
Chair, Leather upholstered seat and back without arms, wood	2	11.000	22.000
Chair, Easy, club, leather overstuffed	2	20.000	40.000

Charged to Point Iv, Jidda
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TOTAL:

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Cairo

CONSIGN TO:
American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT L.E.
Bookcases, bases: Wood, 33 x 13 x 10	2	4.000	8.000
Bookcases, sections: Wood 16 inch.	2	15.000	30.000
Bookcases, sections: Wood 14 inch.	4	14.500	58.000
Bookcases, tops: Wood, 33 x 13 x 2 1/4	2	4.000	8.000

Charged to Point IV, Jidda
Approp.19-1121000, Mutual Security Act,
Executive (Allotment to State) 1952

TOTAL:
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Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation, Jidda
Ermelinda F. Mattera

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May 1, 1952.

TOTAL COSTS OFFICE FURNISHINGS (in Egyptian Pounds exchange)
TCA, JIDDA SAUDI ARABIA, thru CAIRO, EGYPT

9.50	
4.50	
78.00	
42.00	
42.00	
45.00	
24.00	
130.00	
22.00	
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8.00	
30.00	
58.00	
8.00	
541.00	L.E. Total

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 1, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: TCA Staff

RE: Maintenance of Cars

Mr. Sadek Husseini has requested that all TCA personnel who have the official use of cars provided by the Saudi Arabian Government see that the cars are greased, oiled, and checked and given a general overhaul periodically.

Due to the climatic conditions, dusty roads, and the frequent need for personal supervision of chauffeurs, careful maintenance of cars is of great importance at this post. Equipment of this nature is not easily replaced.

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

cc: Financial mission, TCA
Natural Resources Group, TCA
Mr. Sadek Husseini
Mr. Badr S. Fahoum

Seen by Fuad Nassar, Ks

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AmEmbassy, Jidda. TOTEC 1 May 1, 1952.

AIR POUCH

Decrees Breating Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency

Attached are copies of the Saudi Arabian Government decrees, both dated April 20, 1952 which create the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency. The Monetary Agency thus established was recommended to the Saudi Arabian Government by Dr. A. N. Young, Chief of the Public Administration and Government Services Group.

Decree No. 30/4/1/1046 creates the Agency and states that its functions shall be to stabilize value of the currency and to enable the Ministry of Finance to control expenditures in accordance with the authorized budget of the country.

Decree No. 30/4/1/1047 is the Charter for the Monetary Agency. Under terms of the charter, the agency shall have an authorized capital of six million dollars, of which at least two-thirds shall be paid up prior to commencement of operations. Entire capital shall be provided by the Government.

Among important operations outlined in the Charter are: (1) the creation of monetary reserves, (2) the authority to buy and sell for Government account gold and silver coin and bullion, (3) the authority to act as depositary for all Government revenues and to act as agent for the Government in making disbursements.

The Agency will be under the control of a Board of Directors to be appointed by His Majesty the King, and nominated by the Minister of Finance.

The establishment of this Agency constitutes a very important achievment in the field of public finance and administration and is indicative of the contribution which TCA can make with the cooperation of the Saudi Arabian Government.

FOR THE AMBASSADOR:

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director, TCA

Enclosures:
(1) Decree 30/4/1/1046
(2) Decree 30/4/1/1047

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DECREE[x]

No. 30/4/1/1046 Date: 25 Rajab 1371 (April 20, 1952)

With the Help of God Almighty,

We Abdul-Aziz Ibn Abdul-Rahman Al-Faisal, King of Saudi Arabia,

In view of what our Minister of Finance has submitted to Us, and in view of the fact that the necessary measures to be taken to strengthen the currency of the State and to stabilize its value and to fix this value in relation to foreign currencies are necessitated by the interest of the State and people, and also to avoid the losses resulting to the Treasury and the people from fluctuations in the value of foreign currencies resulting because there is no fixed and stable value for the Saudi Arabian currency in relation to foreign currencies,

We therefore ordain the following:

Article 1. There is hereby created according to these regulations an institution to be called "Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency," the main operating office in which it shall start its functions to be in Jidda. It shall have branches and agencies in the places where required.

Article 2. The functions of this Agency shall be:

First: To strengthen the currency of the State and to stabilize its value and to fix its value in relation to foreign currencies.

Second: To aid the Ministry of Finance in centralizing the receipts and expenditures of the Government, and in controlling expenditures in accordance with the items of the authorized budget.

Third: The Agency shall neither charge nor pay any profits on its receipts and payments and shall not act in any manner which conflicts with the teachings of the Islamic Law.

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[x] The two Decrees, 30/4/1/1046, and 30/4/1/1047, and the Charter were published in the Supplement to the Official Gazette, Om el Qura, No. 1410, dated 3 Shaban, 1371(April 27, 1952)

DECREE

No. 30/4/1/1047

Date: 25 Rajab 1371
(April 20, 1952)

With the Help of God Almighty

We Abdul-Aziz Ibn Abdul-Rahman Al-Faisal, King of Saudi Arabia,

Upon seeing the Decree N. 30/4/1/1046 issued 25 Rajab 1371 and the Charter for the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, which is attached to this Order and which consists of twelve articles, and

In view of what Our Minister of Finance has submitted to Us,

We ordain the following:

The Charter for the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency referred to above and attached to this Order is hereby sanctioned, and We order putting it into effect.

CHARTER OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN MONETARY AGENCY

I. Creation and Objects

1. There is hereby created according to these regulations an instituion to be called "Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency," the main operating office in which it shall start its functions to be in Jidda. It shall have branches and agencies in the places where required.

2. The objects of the Agency shall be:

(a) To strengthen the currency of Saudi Arabia and to stabilize it in relation to foreign currencies, and to avoid the losses resulting to the Government and the people from fluctuations in the exchange value of Saudi Arabian coins whose rates have not so far been fixed in relation to foreign currencies which form the major part of the Government's income.

(b) To aid the Ministry of Finance in centralizing the receipts and expenditures of the Government in accordance with the items of the authorized budget and in controlling payments so that all branches of the Government shall abide by the budget.

II. Capital

3. The Agency shall have an authorized capital equivalent to 500,000 gold sovereigns (calculated at £ 12.00 and equivalent to £6,000,000). The Government shall provide the entire capital of the Agency. At least two-thirds of the capital shall be paid in prior to commencement of operations. Paid in capital shall include the value of a building or buildings and equipment which the Government may provide.

III. Operations

4. The Agency shall have the following functions in relation to currency:

(a) To stabilize and maintain the external and internal value of the currency.

(b) To hold and operate any monetary reserve funds as separate funds earmarked for monetary purposes only.

(c) To buy and sell for Government account gold and silver coin and bullion.

(d) To advise the Government about new coinage and handle the manufacture, shipment and issue of all coins; it being understood that coins would be issued only through and at the request of the Agency.

(e) To regulate commercial banks, exchange dealers and money changers as may be found appropriate.

5. The Agency shall aid the Ministry of Finance in centralizing the receipts and expenditures of the Government in accordance with the items of the authorized budget and in controlling payments so that all branches of the Government shall abide by the budget. To that end the Agency shall have the following functions:

(a) To receive and act as depositary for all revenues including receipts from concessionaire companies, from customs, from the Haj and from other sources, and to maintain deposit accounts under such heads as the Government through the Minister of Finance may direct.

(b) To act as agent for the Government in paying out funds for purposes duly approved by the Government through the Minister of Finance.

6. The Agency shall establish a Research Department to collect and analyze data needed to aid the Government and the Agency in formulating and carrying out financial and economic policies.

7. The Agency shall not charge any profits on its receipts and payments and shall not act in any manner which conflicts with the teachings of the Islamic Law. The Agency shall not undertake any of the following functions:

(a) Paying or receiving interest.

(b) Receiving private deposits.

(c) Making advances to the Government or to private parties.

(d) Engaging in trade or having an interest in any commercial, industrial or agricultural enterprise.

(e) Buying or holding fixed property except what the Agency reasonably needs for its operations.

(f) Issuing currency notes.

IV. Direction and Administration

8. The Agency shall be under the control of a Board of Directors which shall be generally responsible for its efficient administration and operation and shall have such powers as are necessary and appropriate to that end. The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations as it may consider necessary and appropriate to the conduct of the work of the Agency in accordance with this charter. In the event that changes in this charter are found necessary, the Board of Directors shall recommend them to the Government through the Minister of Finance.

9. The Agency in the name, "Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency", shall be a corporation with continuing succession. The Agency is authorized to take such action as may be necessary and appropriate to give effect to this charter including, but without thereby limiting its authority, authority to make contracts, to acquire and hold and pledge assets, and to incur such liabilities as are necessary and appropriate to the conduct of its operations.

10. The Board of Directors shall consist of a President, a Vice - President, a Governor of the Agency, and two other members. These shall be appointed by an order of His Majesty the King upon nomination by the Minister of Finance.

11. The Minister of Finance shall nominate the Governor of the Agency and obtain an order for his appointment from His Majesty the King. The Governor shall not be removed from office except by an order from His Majesty the King.

V. Reports and Audit

12. The Agency shall render to the Government through the Minister of Finance monthly reports of its operations. The Agency shall be subject to audit by auditors appointed by the Government.

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

RESTRICTED May 3, 1952

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Dear Tom:

1. PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION

This is in answer to your letter of April 16, on personnel and organization.

DR. C. HENDERSON: You say he wishes a one-year appointment. Am I to understand that Henderson is definitely out of the picture?

AGRICULTURAL TECHNICIANS AND CHIEF: It is difficult for me to answer your questions with regard to the recruitment of technicians in the field of agriculture. Despatch 285 of March 16 indicates the SAG's request for technical assistance in the field of agriculture. It would seem to me that perhaps someone on the TCA agricultural technical group in Washington could advise you as to the type of personnel needed to fill the SAG request for technical assistance in agriculture. My other suggestion made previously is that we should recruit and send to Jidda as soon as possible the Chief of an Agricultural Field Group. He would be in a position to help negotiate a project agreement and to indicate his personnel needs to carry out such an agreement.

Because of the possible delay in getting a Chief here, my only suggestion is that you continue recruiting the six technicians you have mentioned if expert advice in Washington indicates they fit into the SAG request. In discussing this matter with the Minister of Finance, he seemed to emphasize demonstration farms and agricultural extension service and training.

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
Chief Country Division, NEADS,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION
"Agricultural Technicians and Chief" (Continued)

It seems to me that the Chief of the Agricultural Group should be a man with broad training in his field and not too over-specialized. Of course, it would be desirable that he have a knowledge of agricultural problems in the Middle East. You understand as well as I the further desirable qualifications, such as patience and tact and ability to coordinate an agricultural program, and, of course, willingness to put up with the climate and other conditions in this country with which you are familiar.

Meantime, Ed and I will make some attempt at writing job descriptions in this field in which neither of us are specialists.

LIST OF TCA EMPLOYEES

Lavonne is now preparing a list of all TCA employees, with grades and salaries, including those appointed in the field.

LANGDON, HENDERSON, SINCLAIR: Referring to page two re your query on Langdon. Your question indicates that Sinclair and Henderson are in process of clearance. If this is correct assumption, are you clearing Sinclair and Henderson as Chief of Transportation and Agricultural groups respectively?

I do not see how Langdon, with his background, could be helpful in the Sinclair or Henderson spot, but could he come out as Budget and Fiscal Officer for our group? In short, could he be given such instructions in Washington as to make it possible for him to come out here and help draw up budget proposals for FY 53 program? If your answer is "Yes" to this query, I suggest that he be thoroughly trained and sent here prepared to give technical assistance and to assume responsibility under me for preparing 1953 budget and for keeping constantly in touch with amount obligated and expended, so that we would at all times know our budget position as the work progresses.

In a separate letter, Ed Betzig will report on his study of our budgetary problem and will raise specific questions for Langdon to work on in Washington.

1. PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION

"Langdon, Henderson, Sinclair"
(Continued)

Specifically, I am now leaving the matter of releasing Langdon for a Jidda position entirely up to you, the condition being that he come for the work and responsibility indicated above.

HOUSING (See Betzig's report dated April 30 addressed to you on housing and recruitment situation) Langdon should come alone.

I have nothing definite from the SAG as to whether or not they will pay board and room at the Gardens Hotel while personnel are waiting for the completion of houses and apartments. You undoubtedly know that there is in the over-all agreement between SAG and the U.S. dated January 17, 1951, nothing there that states SAG will provide housing for TCA people.

On the other hand, the project agreement on Finance dated September 25, 1951, specifically indicates that SAG will provide housing accomodations, furniture, etc. for the Finance Group. It is my assumption that SAG will provide full hotel accommodations for newly-recruited personnel until houses or apartments are ready, but I want you to know that it is only an assumption.

SECRETARIAL SITUATION: At the moment Lavonne is doing the secretarial work for both Betzig and me. Should Langdon come out, we shall need more secretarial assistance. As it is, we are now somewhat behind in reports and information since Lavonne cannot keep up daily with the volume of work on hand.

Dr. Young has not requested any additional secretarial service, and it is my belief that with Mrs. Stacy and Mrs. Nelson his group is adequately served at present.

I am somewhat concerned about the recruitment of Mrs. George. Under date of January 13, Dr. Young wrote to you with regard to Mrs. George, wife of Michael George, Baker Company employee.

1. PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION
"Secretarial Situation"
(Continued)

George is raising the question of having his wife stay in one of the apartments to be constructed, since he does not rate married housing with Baker. Frankly, I do not consider this a sound proposal.

In any event, if she came before any apartment is ready the question would come up again: Should SAG pay for her board and room at the hotel? From various discussions with Husseini, I rather doubt if SAG would look with favor upon such an arrangement.

At present, I believe Mr. George lives in a single men's barracks, and I gather he feels that TCA would take care of his wife's housing immediately upon her arrival.

If Miss Roberts still wishes to come to Jidda and is available, subject to Embassy approval she could live temporarily with Lavonne and Miss Gass. Under the circumstances, I think you can see it would be more feasible to attempt some temporary housing for Miss Roberts than for a married woman whose husband is employed by Baker.

I note in Dr. Young's letter he mentions the possibility of Mrs. George working for Blowers. Perhaps this can be worked out with Blowers in Washington.

ACCOUNTING EXPERT, BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICER: I assume you are still attempting the recruitment of an accounting expert for the Young group.

I have received your information that Elra Green has withdrawn his application, and you will note that I am suggesting that Dangdon may possibly fit into that slot, at least until the Budget and Fiscal Officer of Green's background can be recruited.

1. PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART: I have studied the organizational chart and in general agree with your comments. I have not had an opportunity yet to discuss it with the Ambassador, but I have obtained some comments from Husseini. I believe in general he would like to see the line from the SAG Ministries go to him as Liaison Officer and from him to the Director.

This would not preclude the Director's direct contact with the ministries but perhaps would be helpful in setting up appointments and providing opportunities for me to get preliminary matters discussed and ironed out prior to my own direct conferences with SAG officials.

In any event, I shall continue to give study to this whole organizational matter and keep you informed as to my thoughts.

(For continuation this letter, see page 6 re 2. PROGRAM)

3. PROGRAM

PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION: As you know, we have now been requested to set up projects in Public Health and Education. (We have still not received from the SAG the supplementary letter requesting extension of their requests for FY 1953. We are assured that this is merely an oversight and that we shall receive such letter.) I shall continue to press for this supplementary letter, and will not proceed with discussions of the railroad survey until we receive it.

MINERAL SURVEY: I agree to the importance of an adequate mineral survey. I am not certain that it should be a separate team and that its conclusion should be reached separately from the railroad survey. It is possible that the two surveys should go hand in hand or that the mineral survey team should be part of an over-all survey attempting to discover the best route for a railroad connecting the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea. I do not think this decision needs to be made immediately.

PROGRAM AND PROJECT AGREEMENTS: It is my feeling that in the future these should not be based on an exchange of letters but upon legal agreements signed by representatives of both Governments.

(For continuation this letter, see page 7 re 4. MISCELLNNEOUS)

4. MISCELLANEOUS

MEETING OF COUNTRY DIRECTORS

You will recall that in my letter of April 9, I suggested the desirability of a meeting of country directors in the Middle East. I concur with you that It would be valuable to have some Washington people attend, and I certainly urge you to be present at the meeting in Tehran if it takes place. I do not think Washington can possibly understand the problems and difficulties in the field without having a representative out here with a group meeting of country directors.

As a matter of fact, I think it would be very good policy if in addition to such annual meetings all new country directors returned to Washington for consultation within two or three months after they arrived at their posts. It is almost impossible to clarify matters by letters and cables. The advantage of the director's going to Washington is that he would have the benefit of consultation with the various TCA services, such as legal, budgetary, etc. No amount of briefing prior to taking the post can be a substitute for consultation after one has actually grasped the problems in the field.

CAIRO TRIP: Telegrams from Cairo urged my presence there to meet Dr. Walker and then with the change of plans suggested my meeting him in Beirut. I want you to know that my failure to meet with Dr. Walker was not of my own choosing. When Betzig was in the process of arranging reservations and getting travel orders, he was informed that I could not leave the country without a T.O. from Washington unless I wished to do so at my own expense which might or might not be reimbursed to me.

On April 28 and 29, we indicated in Embtels requests for T.O.'s for both Cairo and Yemen respectively. As of this writing, no answer has been received.

NOTES ON SAUDI ARABIA: I read with interest your "Notes on Middle East". In this country, I think it is a bit too strong to say that the impact of modern economics has been to "increase the wealth of the few and the misery of the many." My observation of Aramco schools where young Arabs are being trained and of the modern housing provided Aramco Arab workmen, and plans for creating villages so that the Arab workmen may live with their families leads me to believe that however slowly the standard of living of the native population in this country is being improved.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

"Notes on Saudi Arabia"
(continued)

I believe in this country there is a clear understanding that we have no imperialistic ambitions. On the other hand, however, it is difficult to explain to leaders here that aspect of our foreign policy which provides for much larger grants to Israel than to most other Arab states. Unless you live here it is perhaps impossible to realize the bitterness engendered by the Arab-Jewish problem.

I agree that we must assume a large share of responsibilities and initiative, but the problem in this country is to be committed to take initiative and to share responsibilities.

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This letter is in answer to your letter of April 16 with comments on matters brought up in previous letters from you.

With best wishes to you,

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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May 4, 1952.

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Dear Tom:

This letter will comment on some points brought up in recent letters by you but which have not been specifically passed upon by me in my answers:

1. PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION

Referring to page three of your letter of April 9 with reference to Mr. Roy M. Harris for Chief of Health and Sanitation, I regret the error in my letter of April 27 referring to Mr. Harris as Mr. Charles L. Pool. (Perhaps we can put forward the alibi of the pressure we are under with but one secretary for both Betzig and me.)

EDUCATION- Recruitment of Director for School

In your letter of February 26, you mention that the Office of Education has been asked to recruit a Director for the Commercial School at Jidda. Would it not be well to recruit first a Chief for this area and to have in mind the specific requests made by SAG for technical assistance in this field?

(For continuation this letter, see page -2- re 3.PROGRAM)

Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Chief Country Division, NEADS,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

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3. PROGRAM

HEALTH AND SANITATION: Reference your letter of February 26, the specific request indicated in SAG letter of April 22 on Health and Education perhaps answers your questions. In general, I believe that the Chief in this field should be the first to arrive and should advise as to projects that can be undertaken and personnel needed.

MINERAL RESOURCES: Re your paragraph on Mineral Resources, letter of April 2, I wish I could sit down and talk with you on this problem. You have had some written and cabled comments from me on it.

Latest information from Washington seems to settle the matter by indicating that the mineral resources survey must be done under USGS. My notes dictated after a conversation on April 27 with Dr. Brown, at which Mr. Betzig was present, indicate that Dr. Brown did not contemplate expanding his group of geologists, and seemed to feel that the mineral resources survey in its relation to railroad survey should be a separate undertaking from his group.

To put the matter another way, if we should contract out a railroad survey, it would seem to me that the contractor could make use of both aerial mapping and field geologists in developing a report on a proposed route. However, I assume that this matter has been settled, and that the mineral resources survey will come under Dr. Brown, as well as the aerial mapping job.

I hope that the Chief of the Transportation and Communication Group will be able to coordinate the aerial mapping and mineral resources survey with the problem of investigating not only the proposed railroad route but development of roads and highways.

3. PROGRAM

MINERAL RESOURCES (Continued): I have already asked Dr. Brown to prepare budget estimates for FY 53 for his work, and I shall now ask him to include in his estimates a mineral resources survey based on the recruitment of 10 to 15 geologists as mentioned by you.

I shall also ask him if he can give a more exact estimate of the aerial mapping. He has already indicated a figure of 750,000 to 1,000,000 dollars.

I hope that most of the geologists will be able to come without families for reasons with which you are now only too familiar.

(For continuation this letter, see page -4-, re 4. MISCELLANEOUS)

4. MISCELLANEOUS

TITLES OF DIRECTORS: Reference your letter of April 2. Re enclosure changing title of "Country Director" to "U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation" per E. Reeseman Fryer's directive of March 25. Perhaps it would be well if chiefs of mission were informed directly by Washington of this change in title.

In general, it is my feeling that the effectiveness of TCA in foreign countries could be strengthened if the relationship of TCA to an Embassy or Legation, and particularly the relationship of the U. S. Director to the Chief of Mission, could be clearly outlined. Ambassador Hare and I work very cooperatively, yet I have the feeling that in probably all countries a clear delineation of relationships would be helpful.

JEEPS: Reference your letter April 16. The two jeeps have not yet arrived. It may be well to keep them assigned to this office. If our staff increases in size, it will be helpful to have transportation of this sort. I shall delay a final answer to your query as to whether we should keep them or ship them to Yemen.

YEMEN: Reference your letter April 16. Present plans indicate that the Ambassador and I shall leave for Yemen around the 14th of May. If you have specific instructions for me, I suggest that they should be cabled. It is my assumption that we shall be general rather than specific, and hope to negotiate a general over-all agreement.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 4, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Young

FROM: Dr. Stratton

I expect to leave for Cairo this afternoon and plan to return not later than Friday, May 9.

Since I am taking Mr. Betzig with me, I shall appreciate it if you could find time each day to speak to Mr. Abbey at the Embassy. I am chiefly interested, of course, in any incoming TOTEC Depttels. If necessary, I can be reached "C/O American Embassy, Cairo."

Miss Swearingen will pick up all correspondence with the exception of the Depttels.

I know all will go well during my absence.

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

May 4, 1952

HARE requested authorization to go ahead with Bob Kennedy's allowance for separation payment.

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~~Translator~~

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 5, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of U. S. Director

RE: Reimbursement for Services of Mrs. L. M. Nelson, Mr. I. Mansouri

The enclosed statements are submitted for your transmittal to His Excellency Najib Bey Salha.

They concern (1) the secretarial services of Mrs. Louise McWhorter Nelson for the period from April 1 through April 30, 1952, and (2) the typing and translating services of Mr. Ismail Mansouri during the months of March and April, 1952.

Your kind cooperation in arranging for the reimbursement of Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Mansouri will be sincerely appreciated.

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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Enclosures
(as indicated)
bc: Mr. Fuad Najjar

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 8, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

RE: Repair Work on Furniture of John Stacy

It would be appreciated if you would transmit a letter to Mr. Badr Bey Fahoum requesting the issuance of a work order for the repair of two dresser drawers belonging to Mr. Stacy of the TCA mission.

The drawers were apparently broken in shipment and the repair work needed is slight, but requires careful carpentry to preserve these pieces of furniture.

Yourkind consideration in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Repaired per J Stacy

bc: Fuad Najjar

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(Proposed project agreement re Public Health)
Drafted: May 10, 1952

ARTICLE I

Reference is made to Article I, Section I, of the Point Four General Agreement for Technical Cooperation signed by the representatives of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and of the United States of America at Jidda, January 17, 1951, which provides that subsidiary understandings may be agreed upon by duly designated representatives of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and of the Technical Cooperation Administration of the United States of America.

ARTICLE II

In accordance with request for technical assistance in various fields of public health services and disease control as presented by the Government of Saudi Arabia in Note No. 3852/774 of April 22, 1952, it is proposed that the two Governments initiate a cooperative project having as its principle objectives to assist in the improvement of the well-being of the people of Saudi Arabia through the acceleration of the program for extending and expanding present public health services and disease control operations through a comprehensive survey of public health needs and conditions. This survey is to be followed by the planning and establishing of health centers, public health laboratories and hospitals, and in the initiation of a training program through health education of lay groups, sanitarians and sub-professional medical assistants.

ARTICLE III

As a means of fulfilling this program, the Technical Cooperation Administration shall provide, within the limits of available funds, for the following:

a. To furnish a public health specialist to conduct the survey, and later a sanitary engineer ~~and two public health nurses~~, or such technicians as the survey shows to be called for.

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The specialists will be selected & appointed by the Govt. of the U.S. of A but will be Acceptable to the Government of Saudi Arabia. They will ~~to~~ work with the appropriate departments of the Government of Saudi Arabia. Following the survey, the technicians will render services in the fields of public health, disease control operations, and such other fields as might be mutually agreed upon. The Government of the United States of America will pay the salaries and allowances of these personnel as well as the cost of their travel and transportation of their personal effects to Saudi Arabia and return, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States of America.

b. To provide, to an extent subsequently to be agreed upon, for the in-service and specialized training in the United States of Saudi Arabian leaders and trainess nominated by the Government of Saudi Arabia and acceptable to the Technical Cooperation Administration. The United States is to pay for tuition, subsistance and travel while in the United States.

c. To supply, to an extent subsequently to be agreed upon, equipment and materials necessary to the effectiveness of experts' work, but not obtainable in Saudi Arabia.

ARTICLE IV

The Government of Saudi Arabia, in order to bear a fair share of the cost of the program, agrees to:

a. Provide suitable housing accommodations and furniture, office space and equipment, secretarial - interpretor - translator and related assistants necessary to the successful implementation of the project,

b. Pay costs of land, buildings, improvements, local materials and labor necessary to the effectiveness of the experts' work,

c. Provide transportation within Saudi Arabia for the United States experts as well as transportation costs to and from the United States of America of Saudi Arabians nominated under Article III, paragraph b.

d. Assign appropriate technicians and whatever other Saudi Arabian staff are justified by the project to work with the United States technicians.

ARTICLE V

It is understood that the implementation of the project shall be governed by the terms of the above - mentioned General Agreement, Technical Cooperation Administration.

This understanding is to be effective for a period of three years from the date of signature, or until one month after either Government shall have given notice in writing to the other of the intention to terminate said understanding - whichever is earlier.

This understanding is prepared in duplicate and signed at the Ministry of Public Health and Education on _____.

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(Samuel S. Stratton)
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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Minister, Health and Education
Saudi Arabia

May 10, 1952

Asked about possibility of getting furthers details from Bechtel and Baker.

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May 10, 1952

SOME TOPICS FOR DR. STRATTON TO
DISCUSS WITH
HIS EXCELENNCY, NAJIB BEY SALHA

1. Request for survey as stated in letter of March 16: Point 3: Communication: "Survey of route and economic possibilities of the proposed Riyadh - Jidda railway.." and Point 4: Aerial Mapping..."location of the proposed railway from Riyadh to Jidda.." (copy attached). Pertinent discussion re Aerial Mapping.

2. Does SAG want a survey of routes now proposed by Gildea with objective of recommending which of proposed routes is considered most feasible from all points of view? If so, does SAG wish more detailed survey of the route selected - sufficiently complete to be used to get bids for railroad construction?

3. Does SAG wish a new survey made independently of Gildea study with the objective of selecting one route considered feasible from all points of view and a completion survey making possible bids for construction of the road on the route selected?

4. Will SAG made available Gildea report for use in attracting bids for a survey? Does SAG have any further information which would be useful in attempting to get bids for a survey?

5. Does SAG wish a comprehensive mineral resources survey done independently of any railroad survey? Would SAG prefer such mineral resources survey to be completed prior to any railroad survey?

6. What proportion of the costs of of the railroad survey will SAG assume? If mineral survey is conducted independently, it is assumed SAG contribution will be similar to contribution now made for water resources survey.

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7. Does SAG have any suggestions as to whether railroad survey should be done by an independent concern under contract to TCA or under supervision of TCA expert using his own TCA staff and making use of TCA experts on agriculture, water resources, etc.

8. Does SAG understand that railroad survey has low priority in TCA objectives in SA? Of equal or greater importance from TCA point of view are projects for development of water resources, improvement of agriculture, aid in extending and expanding public health services and disease control, and extension of existing trade schools and establishment of commercial schools.

TCA is now recruiting experts in these fields and is desirous of proceeding with negotiations for projects in these areas.

9. Will SAG provide at earliest convenience estimate of its financial contribution to TCA projects during FY 1952? .. financial value in dollars of housing, equipment, and so forth furnished TCA experts. (This information essential to TCA in making requests for funds for projects for 1953).

It is assumed that SAG will provide housing and transportation for all TCA personnel located in SA. Is it agreed that SAG, whenever housing is not available, will provide full board and room accommodations for TCA personnel at the Gardens Hotel until housing is available?

Question has come up of house for Blowers. TCA recruiting is based on use of every house now being constructed in Baker compound.

Are there not houses outside of Baker compound available or that could be finished and made available for Blowers?

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9. (Continued)

TCA in position to and is planning much more comprehensive program for SA than WHO or FAO. Impact on Washington will be unfavorable if experts now being recruited for SA cannot be sent here for lack of housing.

10. <u>New Office building:</u>

New office building is progressing, but I am informed that there is no A.C.unit on hand for office building. Should there be a long delay in getting such AC unit, TCA staff could not be accommodated.

It is assumed that furnishing for office building will be ready by time building is completed.

11. Training program.

bc: Tom Hart

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April 7, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of Country Director

RE: Agenda for Conference with Najib Bey Salha

1. General organizational setup of Point 4 Country Program.

2. General discussion of SAG request for technical assistance, and present status thereof.

3. Request on health and education programs, and need to start recruitment of experts immediately.

4. Size of staff and housing needs.

5. On assumption programs as outlined in SAG letter of request now at hand, and request on public health and education not yet received, total final staff probably about 35.

6. My own housing accommodations.

7. Training program in U.S.A. for Saudi Arabians.

8. Plans for technical assistance in field of agriculture.

9. Question of TCA contracting services for aerial mapping and railroad survey - costs of such contracts and amounts TCA and SAG might agree to contribute to such work.

10. Discussion of the work now being carried on by the TCA Natural Resources Field Group, and the Public Administration and Government Services Group, and future plans for these groups.

11. Establishment of Monetary Agency.

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 10, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

RE: TCA Personnel, Saudi Arabia (under Administrative Support Program with Embassy)

In compliance with your recent request, we are submitting to you the following list of proposed positions to be filled by persons in the employ of the United States Department of State who will render services to both the Embassy and TCA offices under the TCA-Embassy Administrative Support Program:

To be hired locally:

1. Receptionist-Messenger
2. Shipping-Customs Clerk
3. Typist
4. Clerk in Administrative Finance

To be hired in Washington:

1. Budget, Fiscal and Disbursing Officer
2. General Services Officer
3. General Clerk
4. Clerk Stenographer

Should further information be desired concerning these positions, please let us know.

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 10, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

RE: TCA Personnel, Saudi Arabia

In compliance with your recent request, we are submitting to you the following list of persons now in the employ of the United States Department of State and the United States Geological Survey for the Technical Cooperation Administration (Point 4) program in Saudi Arabia:

U.S.Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia
Dr. Samuel S. Stratton

Chief of Financial Mission, TCA
Dr. Arthur N. Young

Technical Advisor TCA (Budget)
Mr. John A. Stacy

Technical Advisor TCA (Customs)
Mr. John A. Dunaway

Technical Advisor TCA (Tariff)
Mr. Robert B. Kennedy

Assistant Program Officer
Mr. Edward Betzig

Secretary to Chief of Financial Mission
Mrs. John A. (Edna) Stacy

Secretary to U. S. Director of Tech Coop in Saudi Arabia
Miss Lavonne Swearingen

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Chief of Natural Resources Field Party
Dr. Glen F. Brown

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bc: Hart, Washington

Geologist, Natural Resources Field Party
Mr. Roy O. Jackson

Hydraulics Engineer, Natural Resources Field Party
Mr. Donald F. Dougherty

If further information concerning personnel is desirable, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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May 10, 1952.

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Dear Mr. Bishop:

I apologize for this delay in expressing my appreciation to you for your friendly and helpful hospitality during my stay in Dhahran. The trip to Hofuf was particularly interesting and worthwhile.

Perhaps you have already had the following information from Washington: "Mr. William Rowe, our procurement officer, reports that Mr. Gould of the Aeon Corporation in New York, has placed copper wire orders for Sheik Abdullah bin Adwan's electric development project in Dammam with the Canadian Wire and Cable Co. of Leeside, Ontario. All the covered wire has been ordered and one-half of the bare wire requirements have been ordered from the Canadian suppliers. The Phelps Dodge Company in the U. S. has accepted a 21,000 lb. order for bare copper wire to be delivered in May. There is a small balance of bare copper wire to complete the entire original order. This has been placed with another American company. This completes and closes the copper wire story."

Please, if you think of it, tell Sheikh Abdullah bin Adwan that it has been a pleasure to help him with the important electric development at Dammam. Perhaps you will convey my regards to His Highness the Amir and appreciation of his thoughtfulness in arranging our trip and having us as guests for lunch. (The Amir was not present.)

Please give my regards to Mr. Geppert and Mr. Murphy.

I hope sometime I shall have the pleasure of seeing you here in Jidda.

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Max W. Bishop, Esquire,
American ConsulGeneral,

American Consulate General,
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 11, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: TCA Staff

FROM: Office of U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

RE: Office Hours

Effective tomorrow, May 12, 1952, the office hours of the TCA offices in Jidda shall be changed from the present schedule of 8 a.m. to noon and 3 p.m.to 5 p.m. to:

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

These hours shall be effective six days a week, observing Friday, as it has been in the past, as the holiday.

This is a temporary trial period.

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

cc:
(1) Embassy
(2) Michael Baker,Inc.
(3) FAO
(4) TCA,Wash.

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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May 11, 1952

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Mr. Joseph LaRocca
Acting Director
Technical Cooperation Administration
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Joe:

I want to send you a brief note to thank you for your great kindness to Dr. Stratton and myself while we were in Cairo. You certainly helped to make our stay there profitable and interesting, and I wish that we could reciprocate in some way, but I realize you will probably never come to Jidda.

It was most helpful for us to be able to discuss with you the various budgetary and other administrative problems. I believe that such interchange is quite useful in establishing effective TCA programs.

We arrived here safely after a very quick and comfortable trip in Misrair. Dr. Stratton left this morning with the Ambassador and Assistant Secretary of State Byroade for Riyadh. As he has been very busy in the two days he was here, I am taking the liberty of thanking you for him.

Please thank Margaret for her kindness to us and say "hello" to Peggy and Bob. You certainly have a wonderful family.

Thank Miss O'Shaugnessy for her kind services and also give our thanks to Mr. Buffalo. Dr. Stratton greatly appreciated his help in the matter of furniture.

I was very sorry that our visit had to be so short, and look forward to seeing you all in the near future.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

bc: Hart, Wash.

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 11, 1952.

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OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Miss Kathleen O'Shaugnessy
Technical Cooperation Administration
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Miss O'Shaughnessy:

I want to send you a word of appreciation for your courtesies during Dr. Stratton's and my recent trip to Cairo. As Dr. Stratton was very busy during the two days he was here before leaving again, I am taking the liberty of thanking you for him.

Your assistance in all of the many matters considered made our trip a profitable one. Since our return to Jidda, we have been very busy in preparing the budget for 1953 and in taking care of the matters that were on our desks upon our return.

It was a great pleasure to see you again, and I look forward to meeting you again in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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May 11, 1952

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Harvey Buffalo, Esquire
Attache for Administration
American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Mr. Buffalo:

I am writing you a note to express the appreciation of Dr. Stratton and myself for the courtesies shown to us during our stay in Cairo.

Your help in regard to the purchase of furniture and other matters is most appreciated.

Since our return to Jidda, we have been very busy preparing agenda for Dr. Stratton's trip to Riyadh with Ambassador Hare and Assistant Secretary of State Byroade. Since Dr. Stratton left early this morning, I am writing you to give his thanks to you.

If we can ever be of any help to you, please let us know. Again I wish to thank you for your cooperation and interest.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

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JOB DESCRIPTION

Technical Advisor TCA (Budget) FSS-2 Mr. John Stacy

Makes use of personal background of experience and training in the theory and practise of governmental budgeting and financial management to advise principal executives of a foreign country who have responsibility for budgeting and financial management. Determines necessity for, and conducts research required to apply best known theories and practises in the field to local situations, needs, and capacities in the country to which assigned. Discusses local practises in the development, preparation, use and administration of financial plans, including budgets, with responsible officials at all levels of the foreign government concerned; finance minister, director of budget, and heads of government ministries and departments. Discusses organization of government to implement the financial system and plan, and the control and administration system in use therefor with appropriate foreign government officials. Determines and obtains approval of the foreign government of a program of work. Makes recommendations for new plans and systems and for improvements in existing plans and systems to the foreign government, and advises on the installation of such plans, systems and improvements. Receives assistance in coordinating his work with the work of other technical advisors in the government finance field, and general, non-technical supervision from the Chief, Financial Mission in the foreign country concerned. Receives policy direction and control from the U. S. Ambassador or Minister

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JOB DESCRIPTION

Technical Advisor TCA (Budget)
(Continued)

for the country in which employed. Supervises the work of such clerical and interpreter staff as is required. Depending upon the volume of work and special needs of the country concerned may supervise the work of additional technical advisors in his field.

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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May 12, 1952

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
Chief Country Division, NEADS
Technical Cooperation Administration
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Tom:

This letter is written in answer to your letter of April 23 and Mr. Fryer's Weekly Report of April 18.

I. PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION

RECRUITMENT (Langdon, Sinclair, Halstead, Hazleton, Smith, field party chiefs): In the last two months excellent progress has been made in negotiations with the Saudi Arabian Government resulting in the exchange of letters outlining new and expanded programs in natural resources development, agriculture, transportation and communications, aerial mapping, public health and education. It seems to me most necessary to have in the field well-qualified Field Party Chiefs to work in close coordination with Dr. Stratton in order to study and to develop the detailed projects and the agreements in the above-mentioned areas.

In this connection, concerning a justification of the program with Congress, it is difficult for us at the moment to give you answers to some of the questions raised in your April 29 letter to me. We want to give you "names, sizes, colors, shapes, prices, salaries, costs, numbers, kinds" and will do so as soon as we have this information. Having only shortly completed the basic exchange referred to above, now we are and will be in the process of developing specific projects. Certainly the signing of the above-mentioned letters is a big step forward and should be a convincing part of any justification.

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PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Dr. Stratton will undoubtedly discuss these matters in greater detail with you upon his return from the Yemen trip.

In reference to your letters re Langdon, Sinclair, Halstead, Hazleton, and your cable re Louis Smith, I refer you to Dr. Stratton's letters of April 27 and May 3 and yours to me of April 29.

In Dr. Stratton's letters, he urges the recruitment of chiefs of the various field parties, and stresses the fact that the housing situation for the immediate future remains tight. Is it your intention to send a Budget Officer, Program Officer, Procurement Officer, and Langdon? In his recent letters, Dr. Stratton has suggested the use of Langdon to aid us on the budget, but he has not discussed with me what would be the function of, and if there would be immediate need for, Program and Procurement Officers.

This is closely related to the housing problem, for it should be remembered that at present the first three houses finished are to be alloted to Dr. Stratton, Mr. Stacy, and possibly Mr. Blowers. Apparently SAG has tentatively decided to give Blowers one of these houses. Dr. Stratton intended to discuss this and other housing matters with Najib Bey. Furthermore, the Accounting Expert and chiefs of field parties must be housed. Depending on whether or not the field chiefs come with families, a minimum of seven houses will be necessary, including the three mentioned. While it is likely that this many houses will be available in the next four or five months, it depends upon the uncertain progress of the construction.

When the office building is finished, the houses, now used by FAO and Natural Resources Field Party, as offices, should be available also. The use of the new office building is dependent upon the arrival of the office A.C.unit once the construction of the building is completed. We do not currently know when the unit will arrive.

Thus you can see that if recruitment of the above-named Field Party Chiefs proceeds as scheduled, there is not likely to be an excess of houses. Obviously single men or married men without wives, would be sharing living quarters in houses, as would single women. We are of the opinion that any personnel arriving in the near future ought not to come with their wives until housing facilities are more certain.

PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Accounting Expert: With reference to Fryer's Weekly Field Report of April 18, Dr. Young has indicated that he would prefer Mr. Gordon M. Anderson, and Mr. M. S. Devoret as a second candidate. He believes Mr. King is not a likely candidate in view of his age. Mr. Stacy had inquired as to the possible availability of Mr. Gillis, as mentioned in our letter of April 14.

Mrs. George: We have been notified by the Embassy, reference Department's OM of April 24, that Mrs. Diana A. George has been assigned by the Department for a TCA position, Clerk-Steno, FSS-13. She is currently receiving training in the Department. Dr. Young has written to you concerning the possibility of Mr. Blowers contacting Mrs. George in Washington as secretary for himself. However, this is probably impossible now due to her TCA employment. In the above-mentioned OM, it was stated that she was to revert to local status on arrival. Mr. Schubert Smith, Administrative Officer in the Embassy, states that as a local employee she is not eligible for any allowances including housing.

Miss Dorothy Roberts: Is it your intention to send Miss Roberts from Amman to TCA-SA, as Dr. Stratton mentioned in his May 3 letter? Dr. Stratton is still interested in the possibility of Miss Roberts coming from Jordan. What is your intention in this matter?

Recruitment of Chief of Agricultural Field Party: In the matter of recruitment for a field chief for agriculture, it is felt that he would be of prime assistance in making a survey of the needs of Saudi Arabia agriculture and in the development of the detailed projects. For this reason, Dr. Stratton stresses his recruitment, as similarly the recruitment of chiefs of other field parties.

Job Descriptions: Enclosed find job descriptions for Stacy, Dunaway, and Kennedy. We will send the other job descriptions in by the end of the week - not including those for the Natural Resources Field Party, as we are waiting on your sending us job descriptions from the Geological Survey. We do not consider it necessary to put too much importance in the name or the title on the attached descriptions. The field does not have any strong feeling in this respect. Washington is in a better position to do this due to its knowledge of several programs and can assign proper titles

PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION (Continued)

to these positions. In this respect, if each country selects its own titles it would seem to make for a rather confused situation.

Job Descriptions Pending & Report on Recruitment and Personnel Pending: As I indicated above the remaining job descriptions will be sent to you soon. Also, we will be sending you shortly a report on personnel and recruitment.

II. BUDGET

FY-53 Budget: I am working on a tentative justification on Budget FY-53, and will have this finished on the return of Dr. Stratton from Yemen. He wanted me to do this so that we would have a basis for the writing of the actual FY-53 budget. You should definitely have this by the end of May or the first week of June.

Pending: I am working on a short letter with some budgetary questions which perhaps Langdon may work on. done

Request for "Allotment Pattern" 1952: I would appreciate receiving a copy of "Allotment Pattern" 1952. The Embassy has only one copy.

III. PROGRAM

Pending: Base Line Report, Post Report: I am working on a base line report and will send this to you shortly.

We are still working on the Post Report and consulting a number of people in order to present a varied point of view. This report should be sent to you soon also.

III. PROGRAM (Continued)

CAIRO Trip: Dr. Stratton and I returned from a most satisfactory trip to Cairo last Friday. While there we had frequent consultations with Joseph LaRocca, Acting Director TCA; Mr. Harvey Buffalo, Attache for Administration; the Embassy Budget Officer, and other TCA and Embassy officials. We discussed budgetary procedures and problems, the drawing up of FY-53 and many other administrative problems.

Dr. Stratton had an interesting conference with Ambassador Caffery and he also met with Ambassador Hare who happened to be there at that time.

While in Cairo, Dr. Stratton placed orders for the purchase of furntture to be used in the furnishing of the Tca office which he will have in the new Embassy office building. He did this at the suggestion of Mr. Hare. He also purchased a dining room suite for his residence. These purchases will be charged against TCA local allotment.

The trip was fruitful in developing an interchange of opinion relative to program development and operation. It is interesting to get away from one's own country and to see the kinds of problems which confron those in other areas. We were very well treated, both by TCA and Embassy personnel.

Mr. LaRocca is much in favor of holding a regional meeting of TCA Country Directors.

Unfortunately we were not able to have any discussion with Dr. Mock who, shortly after our arrival, left for a trip to lower Egypt.

I had several good talks with Bill Sherman and feel sympathy for him in the loss of his brother and his decision to return home to his mother.

III. PROGRAM (Continued)

Stratton-Riyadh-Yemen Trip: Dr. Stratton went to Riyadh with Ambassador Hare and Assistant Secretary of State Byroade on Sunday morning. He was to have a talk with Najib Bey Salha and would discuss the projected program for 53. He is very hopeful that a vigorous and enlarged program will come about as a result of these talks.

By the time you receive this letter, Ramadan - the holy month - will have begun. During this period the government officials work at night. Furthermore, with the advent of the hot season many officials go to mountain areas in Saudi or in other countries, but it is hoped that discussions will be far advanced and the 53 program will be assuming a concrete forms

Friday, the day of our return to Jidda, and Saturday, we were very busy preparing agenda for the Riyadh trip and also for the trip which Dr. Stratton and Mr. Hare will make to Yemen. Dr. Stratton left with the Embassy party for Riyadh early Sunday morning, and he and the Ambassador are expected to return Wednesday afternoon, the 14th. They will be in Jidda only a few hours, leaving immediately for Yemen. They probably will be gone for two weeks, and upon their return Dr. Stratton will advise you of any progress made toward a TCA agreement with Yemen and what program possibilities exist.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Answers to questions proposed in your April 23 letter:

(a) What is the dollar value of each house furnished to U. S. technicians by SAG? Value figure should include price of land, erection costs, and cost of air conditioning and furnishings.

ANSWER: While we have not yet gotten a detailed breakdown from Husseini, from other sources we are able to estimate that the dollar value of each house is around 38,000 dollars each. Furnishings would run roughly around 2500 dollars each.

H. says 2 weeks, will be able to give report. May 14, 52

IV. MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

(b) How many houses are furnished to U. S. personnel?

ANSWER: At present, seven houses are furnished U. S. personnel.

(c) What is value in dollars of office building furnished U. S. Technical Coop Service by SAG?

ANSWER: Dollar value of present temporary office building not available. We will send figures on new one being constructed and value of furnishings of same as soon as we have them.

(d) How many locals are used by Tech Coop Service - of these how many are paid by SAG? What are the salaries of the SAG employees (ie) estimated total yearly amount?

ANSWER: SAG currently provides 25 translators, liaison, interpretors, chauffeurs, etc., not including Mr. Husseini nor his direct assistants. Details as to yearly pay is to be furnished by Mr. Husseini.

(e) How many automobiles are furnished by SAG to U. S. personnel? Value of each car?

ANSWER: Five sedans are furnished TCA by SAG. The value of the sedans would be at least 3 to 4,000 dollars delivered SAG, depending upon the car.

(f) What are some of the other contributions (ie) equipment for Glen Brown, of SAG in kind or in cash to the Point 4 program? We urgently need this information in narrative form and money figures for answering questions from the hill.

ANSWER: Brown group has been furnished with a great deal of automotive and other equipment and personal services by SAG. He and Husseini are both giving us estimates.

The new houses being built will cost as much or more than those completed, and there is a big investment in the apartment house. While I realize that these details are few, we will provide more later; but you can see that SAG contributions are very considerable.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

Protocol Visit: Concerning Prince Feisal, Minister of Interior and Public Health, as you know he is planning a trip to the U. S. shortly. His itinerary can be obtained from the Department of State. You will probably be able to have some interesting conversations with him.

FAO Officials Visit: The following is relative to a conversation with FAO officials, Mr. A. C. Janssen, Regional Economist, and Mr. Jamal H. Hammad, Regional Information Officer, FAO, Cairo, who are on a trip through the Middle Eastern countries to study the programs and to prepare the program of the FAO Regional Conference for April 1953 on Food and Agriculture Development.

They stated that they have made several study trips in Saudi Arabia and in March 1950 published an FAO survey and recommendations relative to the technical assistance needs of Saudi Arabia. I would recommend obtaining several copies of this report from the Department of State.

They stated that cooperation between FAO and TCA water resources group has been very good, and they look forward to continued cooperation in the future.

Currently their program is directed at improvement in the use of water and the development of new water resource areas.

They are interested in developing:

(1) the southeast corner of the Asir, namely the coastal plains area and western slopes of the mountains which they and Brown consider to be a potential zone of agricultural settlement.

(2) a study of the means of better water and land use in the AlHasa area. This area is already quite intensively developed, but the great need exists for scientific use of the water resources, improvement of crops, and the development of measures to prevent the encroachment of sand dunes. They stress that this area, in their minds, should be number one priority.

(3) The Riyadh-Hofuf-Al Kharj area where possible population pressures seem to be building up. As semi - nomadic tribes increase their dependence upon cultivation of crops, they have a need for more water.

(4) Buraida-Hail area where certain settlement attempts have been made in the past. This area to them would have low priority due to the lack of knowledge as to water resources and the fact that the other areas mentioned above have greater potential value.

They are interested in the problem of the settlement of semi-nomadic tribes - "semi-nomadic" in the sense that part of their effort is devoted to subsistence cultivation and in part to grazing and herding of animals. These people would seem to be more likely land settlers, than the nomadic tribes who lack almost completely any knowledge of agriculture.

They state that the land problem of Saudi Arabia differs greatly from most other Middle Eastern countries in that there is no land shortage or population pressure on the land. The problem is in the discovery, use, and control of water. Land ownership based on a diverse patterns of communal, tribal, and family or individual ownership has not yet produced in any great number the type of poverty-stricken cultivator common in some other Middle Eastern countries.

They are interested in knowing the kind of agricultural program that TCA intends to develop, and stress the fact that while a number of studies and reports have been written about Saudi Arabia, basic knowledge and facts relative to the soil and water resources, terrain features, rainfall, size and growth of population, occupational breakdown of population, land ownership problems, etc., are still lacking. As regards water rights, they note that one of the complicating factors is the intricate system of ownership rights which frequently make difficult an intelligent and rational use of water.

They expressed willingness to exchange all available information, and stress the need for survey and study to develop a program which would effectively combat the agricultural problems of Saudi Arabia.

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It is always good to get your thoughtful and helpful letters, and you can be certain that I will trip to supply you with necessary information and reports.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Betzig

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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May 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Questions on Budget

This letter results from Dr. Stratton's suggestion that perhaps Arthur Langdon could be of help to us in answering a number of questions concerning the budget and finance.

QUESTIONS:

1. In my letter of April 22 to you, I listed the documents in the field pertaining to the budget. Has TCA issued any which are not on this list?

2. We do not have an activity authorization for the Public Administration and Government Services Group. Has any been issued?

3. Does Section 2 of Foreign Service Finance Circular No. 98 refer to TCA? If so, many of our questions relative to expending local allotments are answered.

4. In your letter of April 12 to me and in Fryer's April 18 report to Dr. Stratton, lump sum allotments are mentioned. Would you give us more detail as to the nature of these allotments? Does this mean that the country director is not required to provide etails of budget but is given flexibility to meet the needs of the field? Does this imply that he can shift from one type of expenditure to another with no previous authorization from Washington?

5. You also mentioned back pay for Point 4 personnel from October 29, 1951. To whom does this refer? Does the USGS handle this matter for the Natural Resources Field Party?

As previously stated, the Embassy has nothing to do with this group as concerns payrolls, per diem, etc.

Do action agencies keep TCA informed relative to the status of obligated and unobligated funds? Do all action agencies handle funds - pay, allowances, etc. - as the USGS, and as noted in "Statement of Relationship Between...FSA, Dept of Agriculture, Housing & Home Financing Agency...and the Dept of State, Technical Cooperation Administration"?

6. How detailed preliminary budget breakdown do you wish for 53? Should we follow the general pattern you laid down in the budgets you drew up, or do you wish greater detail?

7. Please provide us with more details relative to the joint fund arrangement peferred to in several of your letters.

8. Concerning Americans hired by the Embassy under the Point 4 Administrative Support Program, and their salaries, allowances, etc., are we correct in assuming that the Embassy handles this directly from additional allotments?

9. As enclosure to your letter of April 2, you included a memo entitled "Saudi Arabia - Yemen" relative to the authorized program FY 52, with its allotment of 463,000 dollars - of this amount, 423,000 allocated by type of activity. Obligations total 59?000 dollars and expenditures total 20,000. Do these obligations include natural resources' aerial mapping expenditures? What unexpended funds exist from the allotment to the Natural Resources, Public Administration, and program direction groups? If we had this information, we could perhaps obligate these 52 funds before the end of June. Can the funds allocated for other programs be transferred from one field of activity to another? This would be in relation to potential surveys and other similar large expenditures that possibly might be obligated FY 52.

10. In the past it has been in my understanding TCA - Washington's opinion that the U. S. provides technicians and the SAG provides equipment, housing, and other needs. While there is nothing in the General Agreement to indicate this position, it is clearly outlined in the Finance Agreement. What is your opinion in this matter concerning type of expenditures such as mineral, railroad, and aerial surveys? In an expanded program, it might be more difficult even than it has been in the past to have these conditions fulfilled. In your opinion in future project agreements will we undertake to provide for some of these services and equipment now supposed to be given by the SAG? What, in your opinion, should be the relative percentage of contributions for both governments?

11. We have the following Point 4 General Agreements, between the U.S. and: (a) Bolivia (b) Ceylon (c) Egypt (d) Iran (e) Jordan and (f) Lebanon.

We have the following Point 4 Program Agreements, between the U. S. and: (a) India (b) Iran (c) Jordan (d) Nicaragua and (e) Pakistan.

We have the following Point 4 Project Agreements, between the U. S. and:

Egypt: (Agriculture)
(Social Affairs)
(Housing)

Lebanon (Litani River Project)

Labrador (Agriculture)

A. We are most interested in Program and Project Agreements. Could Langdon get any copies of the General, Program, and/or Project Agreements that Point 4 has made with any other countries other than those listed above?

B. Any further information concerning the forms of these agreements would also be appreciated.

12. Could Langdon get the Saudi Arabia Country Book and send it to us?

13. Also, we would appreciate the Point 4 Country Study of Liberia and any other studies of that type.

Answers to these questions, and any other points of information that you can provide us relative to budget, will be appreciated.

Edward Betzig

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini

FROM: Office of U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

RE: Supplies for Point 4 Office

It would be appreciated if you could procure the following supplies to be used in the offices of the Technical Cooperation Administration:

2 reams white bond paper
size 8 x 10-1/2

2 reams white onionskin
(or "flimsy") paper
size 8 x 10-1/2

Your kind consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

(for) Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

NOTE: This material is requested due to the inavailability of same in the current supplies on hand at the American Embassy. A shipment is expected soon.

Recd 2 reams onionskin
2 tablets white bond
(about 200 sheets)
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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 13, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Harvey Buffalo, Esquire
Attache for Administration
American Embassy, Cairo.

FROM: Office of U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

RE: Appropriation Number, Saudi Arabia

Concerning order placed with you for office and residence furniture for Technical Cooperation Administration in Saudi Arabia, please change the appropriation number to read:

19-1121019

instead of 19-1121000.

Your assistance is this matter is greatly appreciated.

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

cc: Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
TCA, Washington

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 14, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Enclosed Two Snapshots

Enclosed please find two photographs taken shortly after the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Stratton in Jidda.

One is a picture of a ditch digging machine that was working on the foundations for the Point 4 buildings.

The other is a picture of Dr. Stratton in the beginning of a native house - the type of building made with locally produced clay bricks.

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

Enclosures:
2 pictures

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 14, 1952

Mr. Mohamed Agamia
913 Furnald Hall
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Agamia:

Relative to your letter of March 28 requesting information concerning the work of the Technical Cooperation Administration in Saudi Arabia, there is no available printed matter concerning our progress at this time.

For the past year and a half, a water resources mission has been investigating the water sources and water uses of Saudi Arabia, and a financial mission has been engaged in a study of several aspects of the Saudi Arabian fiscal, currency and customs problems.

It is hoped that our program will develop considerably in the near future. Until such time as we have material available, I would recommend that you obtain a copy of a bibliography published by the Reference Department of the Library of Congress, Washington, 1951, entitled "The Arabian Peninsula", a selected, annotated list of periodicals, books and articles in English.

I would recommend also a book entitled ARABIAN OIL - AMERICA'S STAKE IN THE MIDDLE EAST by Raymond R.K.Miksell and H. B. Chenery, Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina. In this connection, I would suggest that you get in touch with these two men. They are economists, and I would imagine could be helpful to you.

Also, you might contact the Arabian American Oil Company in New York City and study their annual reports and other of their publications. They have done excellent work. You might get from them the names of people with whom you might communicate in Saudi Arabia.

I would also suggest communicating with Mr. K. S. Twitchell, author of the book SAUDI ARABIA, who is one of the recognized authorities on the economic development in Saudi Arabia.

I trust that these references may be of some help to you. I wish you success in your study, and on its termination would be interested in seeing the content of it. If we may be of any help in the futnre, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 15, 1952

H.E. Minister of Finance
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Jidda

Your Excellency:

Herewith is a water resources program prepared by George Wilson, Water Resources Engineer with Michael Baker, Jr., Inc., and myself. It includes personnel, equipment and a drilling schedule in accordance with your wish that Baker take on the water-well drilling program. If you concur, would you kindly:

1. Approve a work order for Baker to design and begin construction by ordering the necessary material to build the drilling department warehouse, garage and compound.
2. Approve the recruitment as soon as possible of a mechanic and two drillers.
3. Approve the purchase orders so they may be placed in the hands of the Rochester purchasing office of Baker where the drilling superintendent and mechanic may assist them in filling the orders before coming to Arabia.

We are hopeful that the schedule for operating the rigs will be reviewed so that major alterations at a later time will not be made to handicap the execution of the program. The aerial mapping should precede test drilling in any locality; otherwise we are not using all the information needed to develop the limited supplies of the desert and may make serious mistakes. In the meantime I am pressing TCA for an early decision of the photography.

Please accept my respects.

(signed) Glen F. Brown
Glen F. Brown
Chief, U. S. Geological
Survey Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Dr. Stratton

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PROPOSED WATER WELL DRILLING PROGRAM

I. INTRODUCTION

The Saudi Arab Government has expressed its intention that its water well drilling operations be carried out by Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. (refer B. S. Fahoum memo to W. L. Anderson, dated May 4, 1952). The purpose of this report is to outline the work presently anticipated and to summarize the equipment and personnel requirements for carrying out the program. It is emphasized that since much of the work is of an exploratory nature it is impossible to make firm predictions or to place completely comprehensive orders. The program outlined is based on present information to serve as a guide. Any alterations, however, whether dictated by policy or expediency, will be brought to the attention of all concerned. The requisitions for personnel and material attached hereto have been prepared on the basis of fully equipping and manning the drilling rigs now on hand and on order, plus adequate pumps and pipe to implement small development projects in the next few months.

This program does not include a plan for maintenance and repair. With the installation of deep well turbine pumps in connection with development projects, it will be necessary to provide pump maintenance and repair service. This will logically come under Construction and Maintenance, and it is recommended that it be given early consideration, as the widely spread installations will present a considerable maintenance problem.

II. PROCEDURE AND PLANNING FOR A DRILLING SCHEDULE

The forward drilling program, as now planned, is shown in Table 1. The normal course of events for developing the water resources of any location are as follows:

a) Request of the Saudi Government to the U. S. Geological Survey Mission that a study of the region be made.

b) Geological reconnaissance by U. S. Geological Survey Mission.

c) Report of survey, with recommendation for test drilling if indicated.

d) Test drilling, test pumping, water analysis.

e) Analysis of all data and formal report prepared either by the Water Resources Engineer, or jointly by U. S. G. S. Mission and Water Resources Engineer or by U. S. G. S.

f) Development planning and engineering, if results are favorable.

g) Construction.

Most of the drilling scheduled for the next year will be exploratory, carried out in cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey Mission to Saudi Arabia and for this reason the demand for pumps and casing will be appreciably less for that period. It is of the highest importance that this exploratory program be done as expeditiously as possible with development work held to a minimum until it is complete. Otherwise much water will be lost to the people of Saudi Arabia. It is, of course, possible to drill a large number of unexplored and uncontrolled holes across the country, but it must be evident that the success of the water resources program should be measured by the amount of water made available, rather than by the number of wells or the footage of hole. One such well as can be developed in Shaib Ha' is worth more than a dozen dry holes or small producers.

III. PERSONNEL

There are at present three drillers operating for the Baker Co. in Arabia, with two more requisitioned. Since there are seven drilling rigs

on hand or on order, it is apparent that two more drillers should be requisitioned immediately. It is felt that there is no justification at present for requisitioning a diamond core drilling specialist, as projected activities involving this work are not extensive and one of the present drillers is a competent diamond core man.

The requisition for a drilling superintendent having been approved, recruiting will be started immediately. It is felt, however, that the salary specified - 800 dollars per month - will be inadequate to attract the type of man necessary to fill this position. It will undoubtedly be necessary to offer a higher rate, and this should be done immediately, rather than lose several months in a futile quest. Accordingly, it is suggested that the salary be left open, with a ceiling of 1000 dollars per month.

In view of the fact that it is intended to make the drilling operations self-sufficient, with separate compound and warehouse, it is recommended that an automotive mechanic be obtained from the United States. His responsibility would include supervising all automotive maintenance, assisting the drilling superintendent on rig maintenance and the ordering of automotive spare parts. When the section is completely equipped it will have twenty-nine vehicles, which would impose an impossible load on the existing facilities, making it necessary to employ another mechanic in any event. The drilling department, garage and warehouse should be staffed with Italian and Arab mechanics, welders, etc.

In addition to the usual helpers and laborers, each rig must be provided with a competent tindal who can speak reasonably good English, plus a cook-housekeeper. The drivers must be assigned to the drilling crew, rather than taken on loan from the motor pool, and must be used for additional duties when on location.

EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, and MATERIAL

The material listed on the attached requisition falls into four categories, which are considered separately.

a) Transportation. Required as follows:

Star 83: 1 - 5 ton 6x6 flat rack. For rig.
1 - Power Wagon for hauling camping equipment, gasoline, personnel.

Star 72 (each):
1 - 5 ton 6x6 flat rack. For rig, Tulsa flat bed with hole, plate, and rollers.
3 - 15 ton semi trailer 6x6 trucks for hauling casing, screen, gasoline, diesel (a total of 3 for 4 rigs)
1 - Power Wagon for hauling camping equipment, personnel and pulling trailer.
1 - Air conditioned trailer.

Sullivan 300:
1 - 15 ton 6x6 truck to pull rig.
1 - 15 ton 6x6 truck to haul drill pipe, gasoline, etc.
1 - Power Wagon
1 - Air conditioned trailer.

Joy 150: 1 - 15 ton 6x6 truck to haul drill pipe, gasoline, etc.
1 - Power Wagon
1 - Air conditioned trailer.

Water Resources Staff and Utility:
Riyadh: Two Power Wagons
Jidda: Three Power Wagons, one station wagon.
In addition, 5 tank trucks, two of 3000 gallon capacity for rotary rig, three of 2000 gallon capacity for churn rigs, will be required to haul water for rotary rig operations and for cable tool operations where the water table is deep and an adequate supply remote.

	Total required	On hand	To order
5 - ton 6x6 flat beds	5	0	5
15 - ton semi trailer 6x6 trucks	6	0	6
Power Wagon	12	2	10
Tank trucks	5	1(3000 gal)	4(3 of 2000 gal. 1,3000 gal.)
Station Wagon	1	0	1
Air Conditioned trailers	7	0	7

The drilling rigs on hand or on order are considered to be sufficient for the present, provided that no extensive uncontrolled drilling program is added to the existing one. If developments of this nature arise, the entire drilling program, equipment orders, and cost estimates will have to

be revised accordingly.

b) Housing:

A separate compound with cyclone fence and one gate is needed for storing and maintaining rigs and supplies in Jidda. A combination warehouse and garage with air conditioned offices for the drilling superintendent and head mechanic should be constructed in the drilling department compound. The warehouses should be of sufficient size to store parts, including tires for trucks, drilling rigs, pumps, motors, well screens and camping equipment. The garage should be of sufficient size and equipped with sufficient tools to make all repairs on the rigs and trucks, to fabricate special drilling tools, to dress and built up worn bits, etc. The yard space should be sufficient to store rigs, trucks, drill stem, casing, fishing tools, etc.

c) Development material and equipment, general stock.

The deep well turbine pumps, pipe, and fittings listed on Requisition R-123-J are necessary to provided a working stock of general items necessary for development projects of a minor nature. The desirability of having a basic stock of this nature on hand has been most apparent during the current emergency water program in Riyadh. No provision for a stock of pipe of over 8 inch diameter or of pumps with a capacity of over 250 gpm has been made at this time, as it is felt that larger project should be handled individually. It may, of course, become necessary or desirable to alter this policy at a later date.

d) Drilling tools, hand tools, and casing.

The drilling tools and hand tools have been ordered with a view to making each rig reasonably self-sufficient in the field. At the same time, every effort has been made to avoid unnecessary duplication of little-used items. The very complete listing of hand tools represents an excellent investment, since with these a competent driller can effect repairs

on field expedients which would otherwise require a return to base camp.

Additional hand and machine tools will be required for the shop, and it is recommended that these be requisitioned by the drilling superintendent and the mechanic prior to their depature from the United States. The mechanic should also place orders for spare parts for all automotive equipment on order for the section.

e) Camping equipment and miscellaneous supplies.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the necessity for providing the drilling drews with adequate camping equipment. No competent driller will continue to operate in the field for any length of time under their present living conditions, and adequate provision for their health and comfort must be made as soon as possible. The cost of replacing drillers is large enough to justify keeping morale as high as possible.Even with all the comforts that might be supplied to a temporary camp the working conditions are still extremely difficult.

Kerosene refrigerators in particular should be expedited.The drillers will spend about 90% of their time in the field,and the provision of fresh food is a necessity.

Medical kits complete with instruction pamphlets are also urgently required. It is emphasized that an ordinary first aid kit is not adequate for a crew operating heavy equipment several hundred miles from medical attention. It is further recommended that as time permits each driller be instructed in first aid and the diagnosis and treatment of such probable ailments as malaria and dysentry.

Air conditioned all metal trailers for living quarters are now standard equipment for drillers in hot countries. Light metal trailers can be pulled with power wagons to drilling sites and will permit drilling operations under the extreme desert conditions anticipated.Without mobile air conditioned

quarters it will be impossible for us to carry on continuous operations.

Trans-receiver radios are necessary for day to day supervision and reporting on the drilling operations. These should be the same type and of the same frequency as the Geological Survey radios on order, the trans-receiver in the Geological Survey office to be available to the drilling superintendent and Mr. Wilson for conversations with drillers in the field. Radio communication is vital for most efficient use of the drilling crews, for ordering parts, repairs, reporting on geological conditions, timing of electric logging, emergencies, food supplies for drilling crews, and so on.

(signed) George Wilson

George Wilson
Water Resources Engineer
Michael Baker Jr., Inc.

(signed) Glen F. Brown

Glen F. Brown
Chief, U. S. Geological Survey
Mission to Saudi Arabia

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P E R S O N N E L

ADMINISTRATION

Chief Engineer, MBJI

John McCormack

Plans Engineer, MBJI

F. D. Garretson

OPERATIONS

Chief, U. S. G. S. Mission

Glen F. Brown

Water Resources Engineer

George Wilson

Drilling Superintendent

On order

Senior Mechanic

Approval for recruiting requested.

Drillers

1. Walter Wissinger
2. Frank Drake
3. Wayne Hanlon
4. On order
5. On order
6. Approval for recruiting requested.
7. Approval for recruiting requested.

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Table 1 - SCHEDULES OF WATER WELL DRILLING

JIDDA

Star 72 (No.1)	Star 72 (No.2)	Star 72 (No.3)	Star 72(No.4)	Sullivan 3000	Joy 150
Leave as soon as possible for drilling agricultural holes at ABu Arish, Sabya(or Joy 150)	Leave as soon as possible for Afif Taif Railroad wells	To Taif Wadi Tathlith Wadi Bisha Railroad wells	Wadi Fatima Wadi Habauna	Yenbo, then back to shop for alteration overhaul,mounting Rabigh Hadda esh Sham Usfan	Qizan for municipal supply Qunfida Lith Wejh Umlejj

RIYADH

Star 83

Completion of test holes at Hayyir
Wells at Al Kharj
Production wells at Hayyir
Anaiza - Buraida

Note: The type of rig and number of holes at Hali, Yuba, Qunfida, Lith, Rabigh, Wejh, Um Lejj, Anaiza, Buraida, should be determined after aerial photography and geologic mapping is accomplished. In the meantime we shall do the best we can.

This does not include wells scheduled at Riyadh and Al Kharj which are now being drilled by Aramco or by contractors under Aramco supervision. A separate schedule can be made for that work.

Cerson

Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

May 15, 1952.

HELD PENDING CREDIT DECISION

Gentlemen:

Please enter two-year AIRMAIL subscription to the NEW YORK TIMES, effective upon receipt of this request.

Please address bill for payment, editions, and confirmation of this requisition to:

TCA
C/O American Embassy
A. P. O. 616
C/O Post Master
New York, New York

Your consideration in handling this request is appreciated.

Yours truly,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Subscription Department
NEW YORK TIMES
New York City, New York

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 15, 1952

Gentlemen:

Please enter two-year AIRMAIL subscription to the NEW YORK HERALD, Paris Edition, effective upon receipt of this request.

Please address bill for payment, editions, and confirmation of this requisition to:

TCA
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Your consideration in handling this request is appreciated.

Yours truly,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

International Subscription Department
NEW YORK HERALD
Paris, France.

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

UNCLASSIFIED

May 15, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Office of U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

RE: Reimbursement Travel Expenses

I would appreciate it, Tom, if you or Mrs. Hackett would check for me concerning reimbursement for my transportation expenses involved prior to my appointment when the Department requested me on several occasions to come to Washington.

Since transportation from Middlebury to Washington required no travel order, there was no official document to represent these expenses each time. However, I did transfer all of this information concerning the number of trips I made and the costs for transportation each time to the proper person in the Department on or around February 20.

Whatever you can do in following up on this matter will be appreciated.

Rec'd Reimbursement

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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May 15, 1952

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Embtels

The Embassy has suggested that we write you inquiring as to the necessity for specifying "To Hart from Stratton" on the TOTEC cables Dr. Stratton sends Washington, signed by HARE.

Do all TOTEC cables from Jidda automatically go to your office anyway, with or without the designation "To Hart from Stratton"? If so, would you suggest we eliminate this designation on all future Embtels?

Your replying to this memo as soon as possible will be appreciated.

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

replied that we should eliminate phrase "To Hart from Stratton" ls

cc: Embassy

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL May 17, 1952.

UNCLASSIFIED

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Point 4 Agency Memorandum No. 76, April 17, 1952 re "Notification to Next of Kin of Employee's Arrival in the Field."

This is just a "for your information" memo to let you know that the notification to next of kin of all TCA employees' arrivals in the field is being handled by the Embassy. They also notify the proper Saudi Arabian Government authorities upon the arrival of new employees.

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

cc: Embassy

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 18, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: TCA Personnel

FROM: Miss Swearingen
Secretary to Dr. Stratton

RE: Routing of Daily News Bulletin

I should like to determine the advisability of routing the daily news bulletin to TCA staff. If you find that you lack time to read it and therefore only route it on, I should like to know if you wish to discontinue receiving it on its regular routing.

Your indication on this memo will be appreciated.

NAME	DO CONTINUE	DO NOT CONTINUE
Betzig		
Stratton		
Dunaway		
Kennedy		
Stacy, J.		
Young		
Stacy, E.		
Nelson		
Najjar, F.		
Brown		
Jackson		
Dougherty		
K. Najjar		
Swearingen		

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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May 18, 1952.

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

My.dear Mr. Fryer:

The following report is in answer to your letter of May 2 requesting answers to questions concerning our administrative needs:

1. No. Present office space adequate for personnel on hand, but not for staff expected. Construction of new office building proceeding favorably. Enclosed copy re air conditioning self-explanatory. The Arabian Trading Company wrote the International General Electric Company, Lexington Avenue, New York City, this date. Anything you can do to expedite priority will aid in our building-housing problem. No estimate can be given for arrival time of AC units.

   Current housing inadequate. Director, myself staying at hotel. Miss Swearingen is sharing Embassy quarters. Refer to my report on housing of April 30, and our letters to Hart written after that date, concerning houses in construction. While the SAG is willing to provide quarters for TCA personnel in the hotel, Mr. Sadek Bey Husseini, SAG Liaison, says that it is doubtful hotel would be available for additional TCA personnel during months of pilgrimage - July, August, and September. Temporary housing is thus extremely difficult to supply.

   Office and housing space provided by SAG.

   Present office building provisional. Houses permanent. Office and houses approximately two miles from present Embassy location; the unfinished Embassy compound approximately five miles from our permanent location.

   SAG has not proposed any houses beyond those being constructed or presently on paper. Expansion would probably depend on growth of program.

Mr. E. Reeseman Fryer,
Assistant Administrator,
Near East and African Development Service,
Technical Cooperation Administration,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

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2. At present, have basic office furniture. Lack certain equipment. New office building to be equipped by SAG, also from order already placed in U. S. Some office furniture and equipment can be obtained or made locally. House furnishings are provided by SAG. Any additional house furnishings can be obtained in Cairo. Machines and metal office equipment difficult to obtain locally and expensive if obtained in Cairo. Embassy stock of office furniture and equipment small and limited to Embassy use only.

3. The most basic expendable office supplies are available for current needs. Order placed through Embassy should satisfy anticipated needs for supplies. Supplies furnished through Embassy support program. When certain supplies are not obtainable through Embassy sometimes can be gotten through SAG.

4. Refer to Dr. Stratton's letter of April 27. Additional authorizations depend on growth of going projects and development of new projects.

5. It is believed that Dr. Stratton has available or requested personnel needed.

6. At this time it is believed we have adequate funds.

7. Yes. Up to the present time, it has been policy of this TCA program to obtain local personnel services as contribution from SAG. It is believed this will be future policy also.

8. At present have adequate transportation equipment. In future, in connection with Agriculture, Public Health, Transportation-Communication, and survey work, it is likely jeeps, power wagons and possibly other equipment will be necessary. Servicing of automotive equipment is provided by SAG through Baker company.

9. Up to the present time, administrative support services by the Embassy have been adequate for local needs.

10. Dr. Stratton may wish to comment upon this further.

These are not meant to be definative answers to your questions. However, it is our wish to provide at least tentative answers. A reply in greater detail will be sent to you on Dr. Stratton's return from the Yemen trip.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

cc: Dr. Hart

File - Arrow (Housing)

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 18, 1952.

Arabian Trading Company
Post Office Box 78
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

Subject: Your order 6111 (57/15-52)
GE requisition IYR-804654

Gentlemen:

It has been brought to our attention that justification has to be given in order to obtain a higher priority for the air conditioning equipment required for use by Michael Baker Jr., Inc., on a Point 4 project.

These installations will be used in:

1. the main office building of the Technical Cooperation Administration mission headquarters in Saudi Arabia. The building will be used for the following functions: the office of the U. S. Director and his administrative staff; the staffs of the following missions: Public Administration and Government Services; Natural Resources; Agriculture; Transportation and Communication; Public Health and perhaps others.

   Space has been allocated to be used for laboratories in several of these fields where experiments and tests will be carried on.

   Some space will be used for storage of certain types equipment and seeds which must be protected against the extremely high humidity and heat of the country.

2. Apartment building to house Point 4 personnel.

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As is noted above, the climate of Saudi Arabia is very severe, with humidity frequently in the 90's and temperatures going as high as 120. Under these circumstances it is necessary to have buildings air conditioned in order to provide suitable working and living conditions. This factor is recognized by all companies which attempt to do business in this area, with the most notable example being the Arabian American Oil Company installations where homes and buildings are air conditioned.

Due to the great shortage of office and living space in Jidda, it is absolutely necessary to construct these buildings, as space is unobtainable within the city.

It is felt that the Point 4 program is Saudi Arabia will have a direct effect on the basic economy of the country. The various missions are working in close cooperation with the Saudi Arabian Government. Obviously, the improvement of administrative machinery and the development of more modern techniques will tend to contribute to the well-being of the country.

Therefore, we consider the acquisition of this equipment basic to the success of the program and believe it warrants being granted a high priority.

We would appreciate your handling this matter in the most expeditious way possible.

Sincerely yours,

(for) Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

JOB DESCRIPTION

Incumbent: Miss Lavonne J. Swearingen

Position: Secretary to U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Grade: Clerk-Steno FSS-13

Makes decisions and recommendations requiring use of past experience and training, under the direct supervision and approval of the United States Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia. Performs general secretarial duties, including the taking of dictation, transcription of notes, and preparation of outgoing correspondence, despatches, airgrams, etc. Prepares requests for maintenance of vehicles used in official transportation at post. Retains familiarity with both incoming and outgoing correspondence, reports, despatches, airgrams, etc., and maintains follow up on matters pending further action to assure coordination among TCA internally and in Washington, and with the Embassy. Plans and maintains the file of the TCA offices relative to the administration, personnel, housing, projects, budget, agreements, activity authorizations, and other data pertinent to Point 4 Program of Saudi Arabia. Receives all visitors and callers, arranges appointments and answers inquiries and questions concerning the work of the Point 4 Program in Saudi Arabia. Prepares replies to correspondence

or requests upon own initiative with approval of the U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia. (For example: memos of general nature concerning receipt of equipment; requisition of supplies; office procedures at post; working with other TCA personnel at post in preparation of TCA-SA Post Report which is kept current bi-annually and maintaining information believed helpful to new assignees who are without prior knowledge of conditions at post.) Maintains list of frequently-used names and addresses, with necessary format applied in correspondence with said persons. Submits for approval of administrative officer and U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia recommendations and suggestions for improvement of procedures or regulations of TCA internally at post, with Washington, and/or with Embassy. Assists in administrative duties to help coordinate the procedures of TCA in Saudi Arabia and in Washington, and of the Embassy with regard to the Point 4 Program in Saudi Arabia. Maintains familiarity with procedures and regulations of the Department of State applicable to TCA administration in Saudi Arabia.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Incumbent: _____

Position: Accounting Expert

Grade: FSS-1 (?)

Makes use of personal background of experience and training in the theory and practice of accounting to advise officials of a foreign country who have responsibility for maintaining national or departmental accounting systems. Having a broad knowledge of several accounting systems, both public and private, determines the necessity for and conducts research required to apply best-known practices in the field to local needs and situations. Discusses local accounting practices with responsible officials at all levels of the foreign government concerned; officials of the Director General of Finance, monetary agency, other ministries and departments of the government; in addition to other members of the Finance Mission. Must cooperate very closely, particularly with budget expert and also with monetary and banking expert. Determines and obtains approval of the foreign government of a program of work. Makes recommendations for new accounting plans and systems and for improvements in existing plans and systems to the foreign government, and advises on installations on such systems, plans and improvements. Receives assistance in coordinating his work with that of other technical advisers of the Public Administration and Government Services (Finance)

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mission. Under general guidance from the Chief of Mission in the foreign country concerned, but has broad latitude and responsibility for independent judgment and initiative in making recommendations. Supervises the work of such clerical-interpretor staff as is required.

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 19, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Mrs. Hackett

FROM: Lavonne Swearingen

RE: Request for Correspondence Handbook, Foreign Service Manual

Assuming the Embassy would have extra copies of the Department of State Correspondence Handbook, I didn't request one in Washington. Now, however, I find that these books are scarce here, with several people sharing the copies, and that I do need one. I would appreciate it very much if you could track down a copy for me - as well as any appended information to it. Also, as changes take place, could I be notified in some way if you think necessary?

I do have my Foreign Service Handbook which they gave me at FSI, and it is quite helpful, until it comes to proper addressing, salutation, and phrasings in some instances. Right now, It's difficult for me to "check" with anyone concerning proper forms, for the Embassy and TCA offices are two or three miles apart, and when I'm typing a letter in the morning for Dr. Stratton to take to the Embassy at a certain time, it would be a big help and save delay if I had correspondence procedure at my fingertips. It will also help TCA later as the clerical staff increases.

One other favor to ask, and that is: as correspondence and memos come in referring to such-and-such a manual, I've no way of referring to that manual myself without contacting the Embassy whenever time permits. I've noted a reference in a recent Point 4 memo to "Manual of Regulations and Procedures, Volume I" concerning these sections: 147.2 re transmittal slips; 145 re telegrams; and 144 re informal correspondence; and I am wondering if it would be at all possible for me to receive copies of these sections. Also, I believe it would be of great assistance if we could obtain a copy of the entire Foreign Service Manual if you believe it would prove helpful. This request might entail too much work on your part, and if so, please do not attempt getting them. Someday I'll borrow them from the Embassy and copy them if necessary.

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 19, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Dorthia Yaste

FROM: Lavonne Swearingen

RE: Duplicate Copies of Circulars, Memos, Etc. for Offices of TCA, Jidda

Dear Dottie:

Would you please send required O.M. to the Department requesting duplicate copies of Circular Airgrams; TOTEC serials; Foreign Service regulations; Point 4 Agency Memoranda; Office Memoranda (numbered); Circular Telegrams; Point 4 agreements; Point 4 project authorizations; copies of Dept. circular despatches, OM's, etc. pertinent to TCA; press releases, Foreign Service Serials, Field Circulars, Departmental Announcements, TCA Administrator's Memoranda (numbered), and all copies of material believed to be of related interest to TCA.

Since I'm not familiar with the titles of all copies of information that come into you or in which TCA might have interest, I trust you will understand any duplication or mistitling on the above list.

As I mentioned to Bill Crawford the other day, currently when information pertaining to Point 4 or to some Department procedure affecting TCA, is received in one copy only, I must type copy of that information and then return original to Embassy files. Thus, if you could request duplicates, would save me time and effort.

Know that you are always busy, so whenever convenient shall appreciate whatever you can do.

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

CONFIDENTIAL

May 20, 1952.

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Dr. Thomas A. Hart,
Chief Country Division, NEADS,
Technical Cooperation Administration
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Tom:

This letter is in reply to your letter of April 30 and Mr. Fryer's letters of April 24 and May 1.

I. Personnel and Organization

Housing: Housing situation continues as in last letter. Progress on apartment house is very slow. Believe houses will be available for Chiefs of party.

Office Building: Please note need as expressed in my letter to Fryer for obtaining priority to get release of air conditioning units. Without units, buildings cannot be used.

II. Budget

Contributions of SAG: (See next page)

II. Budget

Contributions of SAG: For complete details relative to SAG contributions, we are waiting to receive report which Husseiniais now writing. The following are details of the figures we sent you:

Equipment of new Natural Resources project:

		Dollars
5	Five Ton Trucks	30,000
6	Fifteen Ton Trucks	120,000
10	Power Wagons	30,000
3	Tank Trucks	15,000
1	Tank Truck	6,000
1	Station Wagon	3,000
5	Generators	2,000
	Welding Equipment	3,700
	Drilling Mud	3,500
7	Mack Air-Conditioned Metal Trailers	24,500
	Pumps, Tools, and Winches	5,555
	Deep-well Turbine Pump and Casings	138,742
	Special Casings	32,425

NOTE: This equipment is being used in a program under Baker contract. Technical supervision is directly provided by Brown. No wells can be drilled unless approved by him.

Drilling Rig and Equipment Currently Used	100,000
Four-Star Drilling Machines and Equipment being assembled	47,000
Rotary Drilling Machine due in July	40,000
Misc.Equipment,Supplies,Etc.	20,000

Several Missions

5	Sedans, 1 Station Wagon, 1 Jeep	26,000
	Spare Parts, Tires, Repairs to cars	5,714
	Gas, Oil	3,500

SALARIES of 65 personnel provided by SAG 9,910 monthly currently. These include government liaison, translators, secretaries, head clerk, chauffeurs, building maintenance, field personnel, etc.

II. Budget (Continued)

Cost of Housing Figures obtained from Baker by Husseini. These figures might seem to be very high, but building costs, electricity, and water are notoriously expensive in Jidda.

Depreciation House and Furniture (Per Unit Per Month)	715
Maintenance, Five Month Average	75
Electricity estimate	207
Water estimate	38
Estimated rental value present office building	2,000

Do not have figures for new office building and apartments.

III. Program

Mineral Survey: Dr. Stratton stated on his return from Riyadh that recruitment of geologists ought to go ahead as planned. SAG is definitely interested in making mineral survey which would first take in area along projected survey of railroad route. Later survey area might be broadened.

The SAG contributions would probably be the same as at present with the Natural Resources group - the U.S. supplying technicians and certain equipment, SAG supplying housing, office space, personnel support, field supplies and field personnel, equipment, etc.

Railroad Survey: Gildea is getting details for Dr.Stratton. On receiving them, these will be transmitted immediately to Washington.

Probably a separate agreement will be negotiated.

III. Program (Continued)

Railroad Survey (Continued) Brown's view is that aerial survey of 150,000 square miles of potential railroad route is basic not only to railroad survey but also to water resources, mineral, and agricultural programs. Basic information is lacking, and mosaics developed from aerial survey would provide information needed in all these areas. He has expressed the technical aspects of his idea at length in letters to Johnson.

He says that geologists already in field plus those recruited could work with data produced by aerial survey and in close cooperation with railway-transportation group, and in one fiscal year provide information he believes necessary for best development of several programs. SEE NOTE BOTTOM OF PAGE

Health and Education: Najib Bey expressed to Dr. Stratton definite interest in developing Health-Education program. While nothing definite was agreed upon, it is believed that a strong program can be built in these areas. Relative to your idea of assigning a top-flight man to Public Health in Jidda for two or three-month period to meet the Prince before he starts for the states and to help plan a Health program, we do not know if there would be time before the Prince's contemplated departure to carry this through.

Malerial Campaign: Through the Embassy we received a request from the SAG relative to partaking in an anti-malerial campaign. Mr. Husseini and I are getting details from the SAG. This might be a possible project that we could put into effect with FY 52 funds. Will send details immediately.

Education: On Dr. Stratton's return, we will discuss the Fryer proposal re hiring Mr. Izziden as a local technician for Education program.

NOTE ON RAILROAD SURVEY: I am sending you this information for what it is worth. Obviously decisions of such major importance to the program have to wait upon the return of Dr. Stratton.

III. Program (Continued)

Training Program: I am preparing a survey report on the present status of our scholarship-grant leader-trainee program. I hope to get this to you this week.

Finance (Misc.): As a possible indication of SAG future reaction to objectives of Point 4 Program, it has been reported to me that Najib Bey has expressed himself in favor of lowering customs duties - especially on items of basic necessity - and also that he thinks the exploitation of pilgrims ought to cease and that the pilgrimage should not be a source of governmental revenue. He indicates that the oil income should be used to improve the well-being of the Saudi Arabian people.

Obviously what he does will be more important than what he says, but such may be indicative of changing attitudes.

Your letters are always looked forward to, and I will continue to try to reply as completely and as quickly as possible. Please give my regards to everyone in the office there.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

JOB DESCRIPTION

May 20, 1952

Incumbent: _____

Position: Statistician

Grade: FSS-5 (?)

Makes use of personal background of technical skill and experience in the practice and theory of statistics to advise officials of a foreign country who have responsibility for maintaining statistics for economic, financial or other purposes. Having a broad knowledge of statistical methods and systems used for governmental requirements, determines through research the necessity for, and kind of statistics and statistical systems which apply to local situations. Discusses local statistical needs and practices with responsible officials at all levels of the foreign government concerned, including officials in the Ministry of Finance, The Monetary Agency and other Ministries and Departments, as well as with other members of the Country Mission. Determines and obtains approval of the Chief of the Finance Mission of a program of work. Makes recommendations for development and installation of statistical systems in all departments of the foreign government. Receives assistance and advice from other members of the Finance Mission regarding both program of work and application of systems. Under supervision of the Chief of Finance Mission but within specialized area has broadest latitude for independent judgment and initiative in making recommendations. Supervises work of such clerical and interpretor staff as required.

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EBetzig
May 21, 1952

Sample Draft

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA COVERING TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PROGRAM DIRECTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Reference is made to Article 1 of the General Point Four Agreement signed by the representatives of the Government of Saudi Arabia and of the United States of America at Jidda on January 17, 1951, which provides that subsidiary understandings may be agreed upon by the duly designated representatives of Saudi Arabia and of the Technical Cooperation Administration of the United States of America.

In order to coordinate and expand the program of technical assistance and economic development in the various fields agreed upon, the immediate representative of the Technical Cooperation Administration in Saudi Arabia shall be the United States Director of Technical Cooperation. He and his staff shall be a part of the diplomatic mission of the Government of the United States of America in Saudi Arabia, and shall share fully in the privileges and immunities enjoyed by that mission and its personnel.

As a means of fulfilling this program, the Technical Cooperation Administration shall provide, within the limits of available funds, for the following:

1. The Director of Technical Cooperation and such staff members as our necessary to carry out the work of program direction and economic development. The Director and other members of the staff shall be selected and appointed by the Government of the United States of America, but shall be acceptable to the Government of Saudi Arabia. ¶ The Government of Saudi Arabia will make available at its expense the following: suitable housing accommodations and furniture, office space and office equipment, stenographic-translation services, transporation in Saudi Arabia, and Saudi Arabian Government personnel or professional group people when necessary.

It is understood that the implementation of the agreement shall be governed by the terms of the above-mentioned General Agreement for Technical Cooperation.

This understanding is to be effective for a period of three years from the date of signature, or until one month after either Government shall have given notice in writing to the other of the intention to terminate said understanding, whichever is earlier.

This understanding is prepared in duplicate and signed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on _____ of _____19__.

_____	_____
(Samuel S. Stratton)	(_____)
U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia for the Technical Cooperation Administration	(TITLE) for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 21, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Schubert E. Smith

RE: Supplies TCA-Embassy Administrative Support Program

Could Mr. George Robinson at his convenience verify the figures and items on this list as supplies ordered for TCA offices in connection with Embassy-TCA administrative support program? Could he also specify requisition number and date on which order was placed? ALL ORDERED

Questions concerning ordering of supplies:

1. When shall we order 1953 calendars and how? NEXT REQUISITION

2. Were envelopes and letterhead ordered to be imprinted "Technical Cooperation Administration" when specified "printed"? READ, INSIDE NOTE

3. Will all Kraft envelopes be plain? YES

4. WHAT ABOUT STANDARD PEN SETS?

5. " " PAPER TOWELS

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 22, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Bey Husseini

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Estimates of Contributions of the Saudi Arabian Government to Point 4 Program

The following are estimates of contribution of the Saudi Arabian Government to the Point 4 Program.

	DOLLARS
Estimated cash contribution SAG Fiscal Year ending June 30,1952	9,800
Estimated dollar equivalent SAG contribution in kind	397,755
Total does not include 415,000 dollars worth of equipment ordered for the planned drilling program 1952-53 to be done for the SAG by an American contractor under the general technical direction of the Natural Resources Field Group TCA.	
Figures also do not include cost of the new apartment building and the new office building.	
Estimated figure of rental equivalent of land and buildings	86,000
Spare parts, tires, repairs, etc. for automotive equipment	5,700
Gasoline, Oil for automotive equipment	3,500
Five sedans, station wagon, and jeep	26,000

(Continued)

	DOLLARS
Equipment used by the Natural Resources Drilling program currently, including drills, rigs, etc.	207,000
Salaries of 65 local employees, currently Monthly	9,910
Fiscal 1952	69,555

It is to be noted that these are rough estimates and subject to revision. They are based upon information provided for TCA by your office.

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

TO: Stratton
Betzig
Swearingen
File

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 24, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Stratton and Staff of Program Direction group

FROM: Edward Betzig

RE: Increase in Cost of Living Allowance for Jidda

As indicated in Embassy Administrative Memo of May 17, the cost of living allowance for Embassy and TCA employees in Jidda has been increased in line with change from a Class 7 to a Class 8 rise. In terms of dollars, this will mean:

COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE
BI-MONTHLY

Name	Was	Now - May 24
Stratton	88.85	101.54
Betzig	37.69	43.08
Swearingen	32.31	36.92

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

TO: Stacy, John
Dunaway
Kennedy
Stacy, Edna
Young
Swearingen-File

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 24, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: Staff of Financial Mission

FROM: Edward Betzig

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COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE
BI-MONTHLY

Name	Was	Now - May 24
Stacy, John	64.61	76.15
Stacy, Edna	32.31	36.92
Dunaway, John	76.13	92.31
Kennedy, Robert	51.15	58.46
Young, Arthur	-	101.54

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

JOB DESCRIPTION May 24, 1952.

Incumbent: Edna B. Stacy

Position: Clerk - Stenographer

Grade: FSS-12

Performs secretarial services for Financial Advisor (Chief - Finance Mission), including taking and transcribing classified and unclassified dictation of a highly technical nature; occasionally transmits instructions and information from Chief to staff of mission and from staff to Chief; takes and transcribes dictation of technical nature from staff of mission; assists in maintaining office files; transcribes from both oral and Dictaphone dictation; must be familiar with and use forms and procedures for preparing and transmitting overseas correspondence both by letter and by telegraph; under direct supervision of Financial Advisor (Chief of Mission).

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 25, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Bey Husseini

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Request for Employment of Interpretor-Translators

In order to facilitate the work of various technicians of the Financial Mission of the Technical Cooperation Administration, it is requested that the Saudi Arabian Government furnish two or three expert interpretor-translators. This is due to the increase in volume of technical documents which must be translated before the members of the Financial Mission can be in a position to suggest modifications or improvements in governmental systems and procedures.

At least one of these interpretor-translators should be particularly well qualified in the field of accounting and business administration. The others, because of the technical nature of the documents to be translated, should also be particularly well qualified.

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 25, 1952.

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OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Historical Summary of Point 4 Program in Saudi Arabia

The attached report is a relatively brief historical summary of the Technical Cooperation Administration in Saudi Arabia. It does not attempt to give in detail much of what has happened, but it should provide a running commentary of events up to the present time.

If after reading this report you feel there are any aspects upon which you wish greater detail, please let us know and we will send them to you. Dr. Stratton discussed with me the general contents of this memorandum before his departure.

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

CONFIDENTIAL

HISTORICAL SUMMARY OF POINT 4 PROGRAM IN SAUDI ARABIA

The Technical Cooperation Administration mission to Saudi Arabia has a history of only approximately 18 months, yet in that time much basic work has been accomplished. Originally composed of two missions in the fields of Natural Resources and Public Administration and Government Services, the program is in the process of being expanded under the guidance of Dr. Samuel S. Stratton, U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia. Dr. Stratton became the first country director for the new unified program. Previous to his arrival in March, 1952, Dr. Arthur N. Young, Chief of the Public Administration and Government Services Mission, was the Acting Director.

Under the terms of the General Agreement of January 17, 1951, the Saudi Arabian Government is requesting the aid of the United States in implementing an enlarged program for the coming Fiscal Year 1953. It is intended that the work of the Natural Resources and the Public Administration and Government Services missions be continued while developing new programs in public health, agriculture, education, communication and aerial mapping.

On March 16, 1952, the Saudi Arabian Government requested the expansion of the program and on April 28, 1952, the representatives of the American Embassy replied accepting the request in principle. Negotiations are being carried on with the King and his ministries in order to work out the concrete project agreements necessary to carry out various proposals. Dr. Stratton, working in close coordination with Ambassador Hare, is engaged in talks with the various Saudi Arabian Government officials concerning a proposed mineral resources survey, a railroad survey, a public health program, agriculture projects, an education program and an aerial mapping survey. Such negotiations of necessity are time-consuming, but good progress has been made with the Saudi Arabian Government officials. The latter demonstrate great interest in

having TCA provide the experts set up programs in the several areas mentioned. The Minister of Public Health, Prince Abdullah Faisal, has requested the initiation of a malaria control project. The King is most interested in carrying on and expanding the studies of water and mineral resources and also in making surveys of possible railroad and highway routes in order to build a modern system of land transport and communication. These mineral-water-railroad surveys would provide the basic information needed to plan the development of western Arabia and as such are of great importance to the Saudi Arabian officials. It is expected that agreements in these and other areas will be drawn up shortly which will provide for the actual implementation of the new projects.

Currently the TCA mission is composed of 11 persons. Under Program Direction-Economic Development are Dr. Samuel S. Stratton, U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia; Mr. Edward Betzig, Assistant Program Officer; and Miss Lavonne Swearingen, Secretary; under the Public Administration and Government Services mission are Dr. Arthur N. Young, Chief; technicians John Dunaway, John Stacy and Robert Kennedy; and Mrs. Edna Stacy, secretary; under the Natural Resources Field Party are Dr. Glen Brown, Chief; and technicians Roy Jackson and Donald Dougherty. The TCA mission is quartered in houses provided for and furnished by the Saudi Arabian Government which also supplies office space, local transportation and various kinds of equipment. The Saudi Arabian Government further contributes a large local staff for support work. A new office building and additional houses and apartment units are being built by the SAG to take care of the expanding TCA mission. In the 45 rooms of the new office building, space will be provided for the Program Direction staff, the various technical missions and also for laboratories and any expensive equipment needing careful storage.

As the mission grows, there will be additional office, laboratory and storage space available if necessary. Of necessity, TCA in Saudi Arabia had to start modestly. The city of Jidda is incapable of providing space for the greatly increased demand resulting from the flow of oil prosperity. Houses and buildings are at a great premium with construction costs, rent, electricity and water rates amongst the highest in the world. Construction goes slowly due to shortage of

materials

materials, skilled labor and foremen. Despite these difficulties, TCA is overcoming these problems and with the building now underway should be able to provide for an expanded staff. Due to the extreme climatic conditions, it has become the custom of all business concerns, such as oil and mining companies, to provide modern air - conditioned quarters and offices for their staffs. It is nearly impossible to find such quarters in Jidda, usually being necessary to build them. Only one modern hotel exists in the city. It is being very slowly enlarged to handle the wealthy pilgrims during the pilgrimage month of the summer. Such in brief are the conditions at this time as the expanding program shapes up under Dr. Stratton's direction.

NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD PARTY

As a result of conversations between the United States Geological Survey and Department of State officials, Mr. George McGhee, the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Arthur Z. Gardiner and the former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Mr. J. Reeves Childs, a USGS Ground Water-Minerals mission was organized under Public Law 402, Title 1, Section 2, for field work in Saudi Arabia.

Glen Brown as appointed Chief of the mission in December, 1940. Representatives of the Department of State, the Food and Agricultural Organization and the Bureau of Reclamation, drew up a plan to reconnoiter western Arabia, study potential sources of water, metallic and non-metallic mineral deposits and other natural resources, prepare basic maps and advise the SAG on water supply and geological problems. This work was to supplement that done by the Arabian American Oil Company in their concession in eastern Arabia. The plan was to concentrate on western areas outside of this concession and also on the south - western Asir-Tihama country. Mostly unexplored and extremely rugged, these southern lands offer fair water and land use possibilities.

Shortly after arrival in Saudi Arabia, because of the pressing nature of the water shortage at Riyadh, capital of the kingdom, the field party of Glen Brown and Roy Jackson began work in that area. After exploratory studies had been

carried

carried out and conferences held with Aramco geologists, a test drilling operation was begun. Drilling brought in water from a buried Pleistocene channel in Wadi Hanifa near Riyadh and it became the city's principle source of water.

Field work was begun in Asir al Tihama in January 1951 and continued during the winter and spring of 51-52, with emphasis on studying the water supply, doing basic geological field work and mapping the region. Aerial photos were taken by an aerial photography firm and sent to Washington, D. C., in order to make up the final map. On the basis of this study, it will be possible to give details regarding the ground water situation, the geology and also to outline a test drilling program for increasing the water supply. It is to be noted that the climate of Saudi Arabia is amongst the severest in the world. Due to the extreme heat, and wind and sand storms of the summer, the field season runs from about November 1 to April or May 1. While the Asir has certain possibilities for development, the almost complete lack of scientific knowledge of its geology, geography, water and soil, etc., make any plans for development premature until such information has been worked up.

Exploration and mapping in this section is carried on under arduous conditions. Populated centers are scattered, and communications very elementary. The terrain presents many difficulties in the use of automotive equipment necessitating much travel by donkey and camel.

This very rugged and difficult region was studied in two sections. The first runs along the western edge of the Empty Quarter north from the Yemen border to the Emirate at Wadi Tathlith 80 miles south of Bisha including the Wadis Najran, Habanna, Qatan, Alyan, Talham, Ghuwairba, Es Shara, Idima and Tathlith.

Further exploration was conducted in a second strip running from the top of the range at Dhahran al Yemen south to the Yemen border at Alb pass. The party traveled for two weeks by camel and donkey and proceeded north

north from Alb Pass along the rim of the Asir to the headwaters of Wadi Qa'a via Khashaba. Although wishing to reach the potential damsite on Wadi Baish, the party was unable to do so due to the refusal of the camel drivers and soldier guides to go on into strange tribal territory. Exploration was carried into the area of Baish, Wadi Farsha and then to the top of the 7500 feet escarpment for astral observations and mapping. Approximately 20,000 square miles were mapped, this being the area also covered by aerial photographs. Due to the fact that the region has not been the scene of much scientific study, the current exploration resulted in the development of accurate knowledge of the geology, geography and drainage of the area.

Besides this work of mapping and field study, the drilling program goes along apace. As the program proceeds in the several regions, the news of "water" travels by word of mouth from one isolated spot to another. Here, water means life, and the demand for water is inextricably mixed in with all kinds of political and tribal pressures. The King is surrounded by interested parties who want miracles performed for their villages or sun-baked wadis. The idea is that if he can get water for one, then he can get it for another. Little understanding exists as to the need for careful and disciplined use of the limited supplies of water. As the oil income increases and the princes and royal retainers acquire greater income, they seek to equal or outdo each other in the splendor and size of their estates and gardens. This places a terrific strain on the small amount of equipment available for drilling and also imperils the future well-being of the nation. In the long run, water is more important even than oil and its misuse can mean tragedy or even disaster for the Arabian people.

The obstacles are many for little understanding exists as to the need to conserve water and to use it carefully for the very basic needs. Under such pressures the king and his finance minister constantly push for more extensive drilling programs.

In all the regions where water resource work is being done, basic field study and mapping must be carried on before consideration and planning of experimental farms, irrigation and reclamation works, and even railroads, highways and mines can be undertaken. This necessitates careful and arduous exploration and mapping and cannot be done quickly. This work may not seem spectacular but in the long run it is one of the prime supports upon which to build an intelligent and long run program of Saudi Arabian economic development.

Test

Test holes are being drilled in the Wadi Fatima, Hada Sham, Wadi Kulais and Usfan sections. The study for Taif, the summer capital, required exploration, aerial photographs and topography maps of about 1200 square miles. Test Drilling is to begin there shortly.

On the coastal plain at Al Tihama, field work has been carried out to provide for test drilling holes for the water supply of the city of Qizan. Studies of the water supply situation and recommendations have been made at Yenbo, Rabigh, Buraida, Afif, the mining properties of Dhabrn and Jifan Qramba (Dalm) and the city of Jidda. Currently, Yenbo is being test drilled.

Jidda, a rapidly growing city, has a demand for water that is never satisfied. Current flow is about 700,000 gallons daily, but large quantities never reach the city, being taken off at the estates of powerful leaders. With larger piping, these sources have a rough potential of 2 to 3,000,000 gallons daily and if used intelligently would be sufficient for present and near-future needs. However, now with the beginning of summer, water is available only at certain hours of the day, and as the summer lengthens will become even more rationed.

Two programs - one emergency and the other long-run - are being worked on at Riyadh in the Ha'ir, or Hayyir, district. The emergency drilling is to supply water for the increased demand caused by Bedouin flooding the city following an exceptionally long drought and also as a result of their hearing of the King's largess. Riyadh grows almost daily as the poverty - stricken nomads come for water and to receive food handouts. So far no rational long-range plan has been worked out as what to do with these people and how to employ them usefully. The water sources discovered recently would seem to be sufficient for the city, and work needs to be done in building check dams and testing of the Ha'ir installations of the pipeline which is being constructed by a contracting firm.

In addition to mapping the geology and geography in the reconnaissance mapping, the mission has made 45 astronomical observations for mapping control, several hundred altemeter elevations and 105 water analyses.

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With the arrival of Mr. Dougherty, senior hydraulic engineer, in March, 1952, the Field Party has a highly qualified hydraulic engineer to supplement the work done on water resources and economic geology by Glen Brown and Roy Jackson and to make studies of desert floods and other surface water problems.

In order to accomplish practical results from the mission's work, a drilling program with Michael Baker, Jr., Inc., doing the drilling and under the general direction of the Chief of the Natural Resources Field Party of TCA is being started. This project will require a large amount of equipment and represents a fair investment on the part of the SAG. The fact that no wells will be dug until Dr. Brown has been consulted and given his approval will aid considerably in the development of a planned water use program.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES MISSION

Following extensive negotiations between the American Embassy and Saudi Arabian officials, Arthur S. Young was chosen to act as Financial Advisor to the Saudi Arabian Government and Chief of the mission in April, 1951. He arrived in Jidda on July 12, 1951, to be followed by Robert B. Kennedy, Tariff Expert on September 20, 1951; John A. Dunaway, Customs Advisor Expert on February 8, 1952; and John A. Stacy, Budget Expert on February 19,1952. For several months prior to the arrival of Dr. Samuel S. Stratton, Dr. Young served as Acting Director for TCA in Saudi Arabia.

Working closely with Ambassador Hare, the mission sought to gain the confidence of the Minister of Finance and other government officials, through convincing them of the integrity and qualifications of the mission members. Saudi Arabia is a difficult and unusual country in which to work, as there is no central capital. The port of Jidda is the chief financial city and the center of foreign trade; hence it is headquarters of the Minister of Finance and other government ministries and departments; Mecca is the seat of other government agencies while Riyadh is the center of actual government power, being the site of the King's residence. Due to this curious arrangement, delays in seeing officials are frequent. Mecca is forbidden to non-Moslems and trips to Riyadh are made only with the King's invitation and permission.

Furthermore, although the government has various ministries, the real power is centered in the Minister of Finance and his deputy. Unless the Finance Minister's approval can be obtained, few changes can be made. He himself is subject to be called to Riyadh at any time. Also, the several sons of the king influence and naturally affect decisions. The lack of centralization of government agencies together with the concentration of actual power in a few hands make it difficult to have frequent contact with officials whose words have authority. In contrast to virtually all other governments, daily exchange and talks with leading officials is thus almost impossible. This naturally makes negotiations and the writing of projects a very slow one especially as the Arabian is accustomed to long drawn-out discussions.

Working

Working under such circumstances, the Finance Mission in order not to create friction sought to work on the least sensitive type of problems. Delicate matters such as the income of the princes and royal family were avoided and the mission let the SAG itself suggest problems on which to place the highest priority. The mission members hoped to begin strengthening the administrative machinery through setting up improved customs, budgetary, tariff and financial procedures.

Another important aspect of the mission has been to advise the SAG on financial problems as they arise. As a result of nearly a year of work, very definite achievments may be noted: de facto stabilization of riyal (the silver coin of Saudi Arabia); future issuance of new gold sovereigns with stable value in dollars; seeking to get the government to live within its income by suggesting that Aramco payments be made monthly instead of quarterly in approximately equal installments and thus help to regularize payments to public employees; beginning the liquidization of the over-draft to the Banque de l'Indochine and the Netherlands Trading Society; studying and improving customs; studying the budget and suggesting improvements in consultation with the Minister of Finance on drafting the budget; creating a Monetary Agency; and also seeking the governmental creation of various type reserves and funds for economic development purposes.

PUBLIC FINANCE

As the Finance Minister showed interest in the creation of a government bank, a report was submitted November 14,1951, recommending the creation of a bank to act as fiscal agent, to handle currency matters and conduct economic research. Following a series of negotiations, a royal decree and a charter were drawn up and signed on April 20, 1952, establishing a "Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency" with an authorized capital of 6,000,000 dollars. Mr. G. A. Blowers of the International Monetary Fund has been appointed by the Saudi Arabian Government to organize and operate the Agency. The main operating office is to be in Jidda.

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In the course of negotiations with the Finance Minister, it was also recommended by Dr. Young that the new standard for Saudi Arabia be a gold standard based on the new gold sovereign which should be linked to the American dollar.

Data on actual receipts and expenditures are nearly wholly lacking for the SAG. From Aramco and Saudi Arabian Mining Syndicate sources plus estimates of custom receipts and the Hajj, total receipts for 1951 were about 160,000,000 dollars of which 135 million dollars came from Aramco, leaving roughly 20-25 million from the Hajj, customs and all other sources. This included 25 percent discounted from Aramco's 1952 income tax. Practically all receipts for 1951 income were spent, together with the afore-mentioned proceeds of the discount of the 1952 income tax. Only a small percentage was used constructively. The income in 1952 might reach 200 million excluding the 25 percent. The mission suggested that Aramco payments for income tax and royalties should be on a monthly not a quarterly basis. This procedure was embodied in agreement recently concluded at Riyadh. The plan is working well so far. By seeking to get the SAG to live within its income and to use funds for economic development and the creation of reserves, a sounder basis for the economy of Saudi Arabia may be established.

BUDGET

The mission, being represented in this field by John A. Stacy, sought to collect data relative to the SAG budget system and relative to the budget for the coming year (SAG fiscal). At the request of the Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance and the Director General of Finance, a report and recommendations of the proposed budget were made. The recommendations sought to keep the budget elastic and to direct surplus revenue into the development program and currency reserves. The suggestions were reviewed by the SAG officials for consideration. A draft is in the process of preparation for proposals looking toward reform of SAG budgetary organization.

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In the customs field, the mission has sought to make a thorough study of the actual operations as well as the basic custom legislation and regulations, as a basis for recommendations for improvement. John A. Dunaway and Robert B. Kennedy have been making a joint study of the whole customs field, observing operations of the port of Jidda in all phases of the procedure of clearing goods. Many apparent defects in procedure and operation have been found; the accounting system is inadequate, statistics in foreign trade are almost totally lacking. The mission is studying and presenting ideas as to the type of duty basis of valuation and the type of tariff nomenclature best suited to Saudi Arabia. The proper levels of duty for Saudi Arabia are being sought. This work is necessarily slow and detained, involving the study of an old organization with natural resistance to modernization and change. The study of this problem is made difficult by the lack of a trained import-export statistician who would make it possible to compile a modern system of trade statistics. While Saudi Arabian officials are in inherent opposition to the publishing of statistics, they nevertheless show interest in this problem.

The modernization and reform of governmental administration and financial procedures require time. Documents must be translated and studied; countless interviews with officials held; procedures and practices observed and also the historical and current stage of development understood before changes that will prove permanent can be recommended. This mission in working in areas outlined above cannot but have its impact on the development of this nation.

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 25, 1952.

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OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Natural Resources Field Party Proposed Water Well Drilling Program

The enclosure is a report to the Minister of Finance prepared by Glen Brown and George Wilson, Water Resources Engineer, Michael Baker, Jr., Inc., outlining the proposed water well drilling program.

It is an example of the practical results of the Natural Resources Mission's work and represents an important step forward in water exploitation and use.

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

Attach.

CONFIDENTIAL

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

RESTRICTED May 26, 1952.

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
Chief Country Division NEADS
Technical Cooperation Administration
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Tom:

This letter will give you general information about several matters. Decisions on several things wait upon the expected return of Dr. Stratton on May 28.

I. PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION

Recruitment of Statistician: Dr. Young has requested that recruitment be begun for an experienced statistician with background in import-export statistics if possible. It would be his duty to design and installa statistical system for compiling trade statistics, and to train a staff to carry on work. Accurate statistics on Saudi Arabian foreign trade are almost non-existent. Those that do exist are practically worthless, being incomplete, inaccurate, and very delayed. The Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister seems interested in the setting up of a modern system. Najib Bey has discussed this matter with the mission and is expected to make a request shortly. You will note that we are sending you a job description on this position.

Recruitment of Accounting Expert: I have been requested to inquire as to the progress being made in the recruitment of an accounting expert for the Finance Mission. You will note that we are enclosing with this letter a job description on this position.

Chiefs of Mission, Recruitment of: Dr. Stratton will be interested in learning about the current status of recruitment of chiefs of mission in the various fields.

Job Descriptions: Job descriptions are enclosed on the following positions:

Accounting Expert
Statistician
Secretary to Chief, Financial Mission
Secretary to Director, TCA in SA

Job descriptions for Dr. Stratton and myself will be sent to you soon.

HOUSING: Progress continues very slowly on the construction of houses. The forms are gradually being put in place for pouring the concrete foundations of the six-unit apartment building. This work proceeds at a snail's pace and has been further slowed down by the arrival of Ramadan. Work of this type is also affected by the fact that although summer has just begun, we have already had a taste of mid-summer heat. There have been several sand storms, or schumals, and the temperature has risen as high as 125 with some estimates that it reached 142 degrees. For a few days last week water was turned off on the Baker Compound, save for a few hours during the night. This meant there was no air conditioning. Such an experience impresses on all concerned the difficulty of working without such equipment.

Office Supplies and Equipment: Mr. Schubert E. Smith, Administrative Officer of the Embassy, has told us that henceforth he will notify Washington concerning the arrival of all supplies and equipment. If anything is missing or damaged, we will tell him and he in turn will notify the proper office.

II. BUDGET

Monthly Budget Report of Embassy: Concerning Fryer's letter of April 24, I have discussed with Mr. Smith, Embassy Administrative Officer, the matter of monthly budget report which the Embassy provides. Mr. Smith stated that he would attempt to keep Washington informed as to the current obligation figures.

Unobligated Funds: Referring to Fryer's letters of April 24 and May 1 and your letter of April 23, we will attempt to obligate 52 funds for the procurement of supplies and equipment for future projects. I believe that this might be possible in agriculture and public health and perhaps others. We will cable you as to what equipment and supplies to obligate.

I am going to talk with Dr. Stratton about the possibility of requisitioning funds for the purchase of a light pickup truck to be used jointly by TCA and the Embassy for hauling household equipment, supplies, and other heavy cargo. At the present time, the Embassy has to hire a local carrier, and the rates are very high. In the long run, it might be more economical to own this type of equipment.

Estimates of Contributions of the SAG to Point 4: Enclosed is a copy of a self-explanatory memorandum to Sadek Bey Husseini relative to information supplied by his office concerning SAG contributions to the Point 4 program in Saudi Arabia.

III. Program

Malaria Control Request: Concerning malaria control program request, a letter is being sent to Prince Abdullah Faisal requesting an interview in order to discuss the matter of their proposal and the feasibility of providing a malaria control expert to make a study of the malaria area and recommend a program.

PROGRAM (Continued)

Railroad Survey: We have sent the Gildea report to you under separate cover. Dr. Stratton will send you further information on the current state of negotiations.

Mineral Survey: Glen Brown says that he would be able to use three additional geologists. However, if only two can be provided, project work can still be carried on.

Well Drilling Program: Glen Brown states that the SAG is undertaking an expanded drilling program to be carried out by Michael Baker, Jr., Inc., under the technical direction of his mission. As regards this program, he states that the SAG is interested in using the results derived from aerial photography and that Saudi officials seem to have fair understanding as to its worth. You will be receiving more information relative to this drilling program.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Reporting: As reports currently being sent to you are studied, please let us know what additional information is needed. The field wishes to keep Washington well informed as to all details. I am going to discuss with Dr. Stratton the establishment of some system of quarterly and yearly reports. I would be interested in knowing specifically the type of reports and information required.

TCA Reports for Allowances and Differential Purposes: I have consulted with Mr. Smith concerning a Circular Airgram, Control 1474, April 12, 1952, subject: TCA Reports for Allowances, Differential Purposes. As the Embassy makes out the reports noted in this Airgram, does TCA also have to make out these reports? To simplify matters, it is thought to be preferable that instead of writing separate reports the Embassy and TCA sent in joint reports. If we are expected to make this report, would you send us the necessary forms?

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We are all looking forward to Dr. Stratton's return and believe that we have made some definite progress during this time.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 27, 1952

American University of Beirut
Beirut
Lebanon

Attn: Administration Office

Gentlemen:

It would be appreciated if you would forward to our offices at your earliest convenience:

15 copies of "Regulations for Point IV Fellowships at the American University of Beirut, 1951-52, Revised Form"

and

15 copies of any information pursuant and pertinent to this program.

Your cooperation in handling this request is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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May 28, 1952.

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Personnel, Jidda

Attached are lists referring to:

(1) TCA Personnel in Field

(2) TCA Local Employees

(3) TCA-Embassy Administrative Support Employees

(4) TCA-Embassy Administrative Support Local Employees

(5) American Embassy Personnel

and copies of memorandums sent Mr. Sadek Bey Husseini concerning personnel directly association with Point 4 activities in Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Husseini is now preparing for us a list of names of persons employed and paid by the Saudi Arabian Government in connection with Point 4 activities here in Saudi Arabia. As soon as this is received, it will be sent you.

Please let us know if you wish further information on the personnel organization here in Jidda.

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

Attachments

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PERSONNEL

TCA PERSONNEL
IN FIELD
JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA

May 10, 1952.

The following persons are employed and paid by the Department of State, TCA, in connection with Point 4 activities in Saudi Arabia. These persons are now working in the TCA offices in Jidda.

INCUMBENT: Dr. Samuel S. Stratton
POSITION TITLE: U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia
GRADE & SALARY: (Exclusive of Allowances) FSR-2 12,700
ENTERED DEPT: February 1, 1952
ARRIVED JIDDA: March 7, 1952

INCUMBENT: Dr. Arthur N. Young
POSITION TITLE: (Embassy files: Special Financial Advisor to Ambassador; Acting Chief of Financial Section)
TCA files: Financial Advisor
to be changed to:
Chief, Public Administration and Govt Services Field Party in Saudi Arabia, TCA
or
Chief, Financial Mission, TCA
GRADE AND SALARY: (Exclusive of allowances) FSR-1 12,800
ENTERED DEPT: October 24, 1951
ARRIVED JIDDA: July 12, 1951 (Paid by SAG thru Oct.23,1951)

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INCUMBENT: Mr. John A. Stacy
POSITION TITLE: (Embassy Files: Accounting Officer)
TCA Files: Budget Expert or
Technical Advisor(TCA(Budget)

GRADE & SALARY:
(Exclusive of
Allowances) FSS-2 9,950
ENTERED DEPT: January 5, 1952
ARRIVED JIDDA: February 19, 1952

INCUMBENT: Mr. John A. Dunaway
POSITION TITLE (Embassy Files: Budget Officer)
TCA Files: Customs Expert or
Technical Advisor TCA(Customs)

GRADE & SALARY
(Exclusive of
Allowances) FSS-1 9,950
ENTERED DEPT: December 27, 1951
ARRIVED JIDDA: February 8, 1952

INCUMBENT: Mr. Robert B. Kennedy
POSITION TITLE: (Embassy Files: Customs Advisor)
TCA Files: Assistant Customs Advisor or
Technical Advisor TCA(Tariff)

GRADE & SALARY
(Exclusive of
Allowances) TCA-4 6,963
(TCA records show "FSR-4"; same salary applies)
ENTERED DEPT: August 20, 1951
ARRIVED JIDDA: September 17, 1951

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INCUMBENT: Mr. Edward Betzig
POSITION TITLE: (Embassy files: Assistant Admin.Officer)
TCA files: Admin.Asst & Asst.Program Officer
or (eventually)
Assistant Program Officer
GRADE & SALARY:
(Exclusive of Allowances) FSS-10 4,323
ENTERED DEPT: February 28, 1952
ARRIVED JIDDA: March 30, 1952

INCUMBENT: Miss Lavonne J. Swearingen
POSITION TITLE: Secretary to U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia
GRADE & SALARY:
(Exclusive of Allowances) Clerk Steno FSS-13 3,150
ENTERED DEPT: February 13, 1952
ARRIVED JIDDA: March 14, 1952

INCUMBENT: Mrs. John A. (Edna) Stacy
POSITION TITLE: Secretary to Chief, Financial Mission,TCA
GRADE & SALARY:
(Exclusive of Allowances) FSS-12 3,531
ENTERED DEPT: February 20, 1952
ARRIVED JIDDA: February 20, 1952

(Appointed in field)

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INCUMBENT: Mr. Glen F. Brown
POSITION TITLE: Chief of Natural Resources Field Party
GRADE & SALARY:
(Exclusive of allowances) GS-13 9,130
ENTERED DEPT:
ARRIVED JIDDA: Nov. 1950

INCUMBENT: Mr. Roy O. Jackson
POSITION TITLE: Geologist, Natural Resources Field Party
GRADE & SALARY:
(Exclusive of allowances) GS-11 5,913
ENTERED DEPT:
ARRIVED JIDDA: Nov. 1950

INCUMBENT: Mr. Donald F. Dougherty
POSITION TITLE: Hydraulics Engineer, Natural Resources Field Party
GRADE & SALARY: _____ 8,463
(Exclusive of Allowances)
ENTERED DEPT:
ARRIVED JIDDA: March 25, 1952

NOTE: On above three positions, as indicated to you in our letter of April 22, neither the Embassy nor TCA has any employment records on those persons working with TCA in connection with USGS.

PERSONNEL TCA LOCAL EMPLOYEES
ON DEPT OF STATE - TCA PAYROLLS May 10, 1952

At present, there is only one "Local TCA" person from Saudi Arabia employed and paid by the TCA-Dept of State in connection with Point 4 activities in Saudi Arabia.

1 Assistant Boatman
Name: Dahillalla Ibn Abded

The fact that TCA is paying for an Assistant Boatman on the "Local TCA" rolls is not indicative of any policy change. It is intended that SAG continue to provide all local personnel necessary. However, in the case of the boatman, due to the fact that TCA personnel use the Embassy launch for outings with Embassy personnel, it was thought to be only equitable if TCA would pay for part of the cost of maintenance. Hence, we are paying the salary of this person.

We note on undated chart of personnel entitled "Saudi Arabia" that there are TCA Local positions reserved for:

2 local typists
2 local translators
2 chauffeurs
2 charwomen
2 messengers

However, at the present time, these persons are not required as these positions are filled under either Saudi Arabian Government employees (paid by the SAG) or TCA-Embassy Administrative Support Local Employees, assisting in TCA duties as well as those of the Embassy. "Local" in this instance refers to persons from Saudi Arabia hired in Saudi Arabia and not persons hired in Washington nor from the United States.

PERSONNEL

TCA-EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
EMPLOYEES ON DEPT OF STATE-TCA PAYROLLS MAY 10,1952

The following persons are employed in the Embassy, in connection with the TCA-Embassy Administrative Support program. They are hired in Washington.

1. INCUMBENT: Unknown at this date. Been informed one is scheduled and probably will be in "support." Asking Dept if this is Louis Smith.

POSITION TITLE: Budget, Fiscal and Disbursing Officer
GRADE & SALARY: (Exclusive of allowances) _____
ENTERED DEPT: _____
ARRIVED JIDDA: _____

2. INCUMBENT: (Joseph Hart) Tentative. Uncertain if coming, as of this date.

POSITION TITLE: General Services Officer
GRADE & SALARY: (Exclusive of allowances) FSS-6 Salary undetermined
ENTERED DEPT: _____
ARRIVED JIDDA: _____

3. INCUMBENT: (Joseph E. Olenik) Tentative. Uncertain if coming, as of this date.
POSITION TITLE: General Clerk
GRADE & SALARY: (Exclusive of allowances) FSS-12 3,630
ENTERED DEPT: _____
ARRIVED JIDDA: _____

4. INCUMBENT: Joseph Alarid
POSITION TITLE: Clerk-Stenographer
GRADE & SALARY: FSS-13 (Exclusive of allowances)
ENTERED DEPT: _____
ARRIVED JIDDA: May 7, 1952

PERSONNEL

TCA - EMBASSY
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT LOCAL EMPLOYEES

May 10, 1952

The following persons are employed in the American Embassy in connection with the TCA-Embassy Administrative Support program, and are considered "local" employees. These persons hired "locally" receive no benefits nor allowances, such as post differential, cost of living, etc. They are hired for an indefinite period, and sometimes are employed for part-time work only. Their quarters are not rented nor furnished by the United States Government. Their salaries are paid within a certain grade, but are based on experience and aptitude in that grade, and the scope of their duties.

1. NAME: Mohamed Bahamish
   POSITION TITLE: (Receptionist-Messenger)
   GRADE & SALARY: Messenger FSL-5

2. NAME Mohamed Aly Mohamed
   POSITION TITLE: (Shipping-Customs Clerk)
   GRADE & SALARY: Translator-Interpretor-Typist FSL-3

3. NAME: Vacant, at present
   POSITION TITLE: (Typist)
   GRADE & SALARY: Translator-Interpretor-Typist FSL-3

4. NAME: _____
   POSITION TITLE: (Clerk in Administrative Finance)
   GRADE & SALARY: Translator-Interpretor-Typist FSL-3

PERSONNEL

AMERICAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL
Jidda, Saudi Arabia May 10, 1952

Following is a list of Embassy personnel employed by the Department of State:

Ambassador Raymond A. Hare

Mr. Glenn A. Abbey, Counselor of Embassy

Mr. William R. Crawford, Third Secretary and Vice Consul

Mr. John M. Bowie, Vice Consul, Consular Officer, Security, USIE

Mr. Harry F. Hopper, Assistant Commercial Attache

Mr. Alfred C. Purdy, Maintenance Engineer

Mr. Noble W. Yaste, Accounting Clerk

Mrs. Dorthia Yaste, Mail and Pouch Clerk

Mrs. Virginia Crawford, Typist

Mr. Charles J. Baumler, Clerk

Mr. Frank P. Anto, File Clerk

Mr. George A. Robinson, General Services Clerk

Miss Patricia Gess, Clerk Steno

Mr. Gerald L. Barthel, Administrative Clerk

Mr. Frank M. Gabbert, Code Clerk

Mr. Wayne Gentry, Clerk Steno (Secy to Ambassador)

Mr. Schubert E. Smith, Administrative Officer

Mr. Orris Page, Attache-Construction Engineer, FBO

Lt. Burt Koons, Air Attache

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EBetzig
May 28,1952

(Proposed project agreement re Agriculture)

ARTICLE I

Reference is made to Article I, Section I, of the Point Four General Agreement for Technical Cooperation signed by the representatives of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and of the United States of America at Jidda, January 17, 1951, which provides that subsidiary understandings may be agreed upon by duly designated representatives of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and of the Technical Cooperation Administration of the United States of America.

ARTICLE II

In accordance with the request for technical assistance in various fields of agriculture as presented by the Government of Saudi Arabia in notes no. 4111 and no. 4112 of March 16, 1952, it is proposed that the two Governments initiate a cooperative project having as its principle objective to assist in the improvement of the well-being of the people of Saudi Arabia through the development

of a program for extending and expanding present agricultural services through a comprehensive survey of Saudi Arabia agricultural needs and conditions, and soil and water analysis. This survey is to be followed by the planning and establishment of demonstration farms; and the improvement of field crops, pasture lands and livestock; agricultural extension service and training, including training in improved techniques of land use, irrigation and reclamation of desert lands; and services to provide for entomological and mycological aids and information.

ARTICLE III

As a means of fulfilling this program, the Technical Cooperation Administration shall provide, within the limits of available funds, for the following:

a. To furnish a chief agricultural, an agricultural entomologist, extension specialist in irrigation, extension specialist for training extension methods, a soil specialist and an animal and poultry specialist, and any other specialist as the survey shows to be called for.

Acceptable to the Government of Saudi Arabia, to work with the appropriate departments of the Government of Saudi Arabia, following the survey, the technicians will render services in the field of _____

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and such other fields as might be mutually agreed upon. The Government of the United States of America will pay the salaries and allowances of these personnel as well as the cost of their travel and transportation of their personal effects to Saudi Arabia and return, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States of America.

b. To provide, to an extent subsequently to be agreed upon, for the in-service and specialized training in the United States of Saudi Arabian leaders and trainees nominated by the Government of Saudi Arabia and acceptable to the Technical Cooperation Administration. The United States is to pay for tuition, subsistance and travel while in the United States.

c. To supply, to an extent subsequently to be agreed upon, equipment and materials necessary to the effectiveness of experts work, but not obtainable in Saudi Arabia.

ARTICLE IV

The Government of Saudi Arabia, in order to bear fair share of the cost of program, agrees to:

a. Provide suitable housing accommodations and furniture, office space and equipment, secretarial - interpretor - translator and related assistants necessary to the successful implementation of the project,

b. Pay costs of land, buildings, improvements, local materials and labor necessary to the effectiveness of the experts work,

c. Provide transportation within Saudi Arabia of United States experts as well as transportation costs to and from the United States of America of Saudi Arabians nominated under Article III, paragraph b.,

d. Assign appropriate technicians and whatever other Saudi Arabian staff are justified by the project to work with the United States technicians.

ARTICLE V

It is understood that the implementation of the project shall be governed by the terms of the above - mentioned General Agreement, Technical Cooperation Administration.

This understanding is to be effective for a period of three years from the date of signature, or until one month after either Government shall have given notice in writing to the other of the intention to terminate said understanding - whichever is earlier.

This understanding is prepared in duplicate and signed at the Ministry of _____ on _____.

_____	_____
(Samuel S. Stratton) U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia	Minister, _____ Saudi Arabia

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(Proposed project agreement re Natural Resources)

Drafted: May 28, 1952 EBetzig

ARTICLE I

Reference is made to Article I, Section I, of the Point Four General Agreement for Technical Cooperation signed by the representatives of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and of the United States of America at Jidda, January 17, 1951, which provides that subsidiary understandings may be agreed upon by duly designated representatives of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and of the Technical Cooperation Administration of the United States of America.

ARTICLE II

In accordance with the request for a new and expanded program in the field of natural resources development as presented by the Government of Saudi Arabia in Note No. 4111 of March 16, 1952, it is

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Natural Resources

proposed that the two Governments continue the cooperative project having as its principle objective to assist in the improvement of the well-being of the people of Saudi Arabia through the acceleration and expansion of the present natural resources development program. To achieve these objectives, it is proposed to continue the study of potential sources of water, the location and drilling of water wells for irrigation and other uses, the development of a more efficient and productive use of present water supply, a field survey of metallic and non-metallic mineral deposits and the preparation of mosaics and basic maps.

ARTICLE III

As a means of fulfilling this program, the Technical Cooperation Administration shall provide, within the

limits of available funds, for the following:

a. To furnish five geologists; specialists in the fields of economic geology, tydraulic engineering, and mineral exploration and any other technicians as it may later be decided upon,

b. The specialists will be selected and appointed by the Government of the United States of America but will be acceptable to the Government of Saudi Arabia. They will work with the appropriate departments of the Government of Saudi Arabia. The Government of the United States of America will pay the salaries and allowances of these personnel as well as the cost of their travel and transportation of their personnel effects to Saudi Arabia and return, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States of America.

c. To provide, to an extent subsequently to be agreed upon, for the in-service and specialized training in the United States of Saudi Arabian leaders and trainees nominated by the Government of Saudi Arabia and acceptable to the Technical Cooperation Administration. The United States is to pay for tuition, subsistance and travel while in the United States,

d. To supply equipment and materials necessary to the effecitveness of the experts' work but not obtainable in Saudi Arabia to an extent subsequently to be decided upon,

e. To pay for a fixed percentage of the contract cost for aerial photography and mosaic compilation to an extent subsequently to be decided upon.

ARTICLE IV

The Government of Saudi Arabia, in order to bear a fair share of the cost of the program, agrees to:

a. Provide suitable housing accommmodations and furniture, office space and equipment, secretarial-interpretor-translator and selected assistants necessary to the successful implementation of the project;

b. Pay costs of land, buildings, improvements, local materials and/field labor necessary to the effectiveness of the experts' work,

c. To provide the transportation and equipment within Saudi Arabia necessary for the implementation of the U. S. technicians' work, as well as transportation costs to and from the United States for the Saudi Arabian nominated under Article III, Paragraph 6.

d. Assign appropriate technicians and whatever other Saudi Arabian staff are justified by the project to work with the U. S. technicians,

e. To pay for a fixed percentage of the contract cost for aerial photography and mosaic compilation to an extent subsequently to be agreed upon.

ARTICLE V

It is understood that the implementation of the project shall be governed by the terms of the above - mentioned General Agreement, Technical Cooperation Administration.

This understanding is to be effective for a period of three years from the date of signature, or until one month after either Government shall have given notice in writing to the other of the intention to terminate said understanding - whichever is earlier.

This understanding is prepared in duplicate and signed at the Ministry of _____ on _____.

_____
(Samuel S.Stratton)
U.S.Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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Minister, _____
Saudi Arabia

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(Proposed project agreement re Program Direction and Economic Development)

ARTICLE I

Reference is made to Article I, Section I, of the Point Four General Agreement for Technical Cooperation signed by the representatives of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and of the United States of America at Jidda, January 17, 1951, which provides that subsidiary understandings may be agreed upon by duly designated representatives of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and of the Technical Copperation Administration of the United States of America.

ARTICLE II

In order to coordinate and expand the program of technical assistance and economic development in the various fields agreed upon, the immediate representative of the Technical Cooperation Administration in Saudi Arabia shall be the United States Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia. He and his staff shall be a part of the

diplomatic mission of the Government of the United States of America in Saudi Arabia, and shall share fully in the privileges and immunities enjoyed by that mission and its personnel.

ARTICLE III

As a means of fulfilling this program, the Technical Cooperation Administration shall provide, within the limits of available funds, for the following:

a. To furnish the Director of Technical Cooperation and such staff members as are necessary to carry out the work of program direction and economic development. The Director and other members of the staff shall be selected and appointed by the Government of the United States of America, but shall be acceptable to the Government of Saudi Arabia.

~~wx~~ Acceptable to the Government of Saudi Arabia, to work with the appropriate departments of the Government of Saudi Arabia, the Director and staff members will render services in the fields of _____

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and such other fields as might be mutually agreed upon. The Government of the United States of America will pay the salaries and allowances of these personnel as well as the cost of their travel and transportation of their personal effects to Saudi Arabia and return, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States of America.

BELIEVE NOT APPLICATE

~~xxxxxxxxxx~~provide, to an extent subsequently to be agreed upon, for the in-service and specialized training in the United States of Saudi Arabian leaders and trainees ~~xxxxxxx~~

b. To supply, to an extent subsequently to be agreed upon, equipment and materials necessary

to the effectiveness of the work of the Director and staff members, but not obtainable in Saudi Arabia.

ARTICLE IV

The Government of Saudi Arabia, in order to bear fair share of the cost of program, agrees to:

a. Provide suitable housing accommodations and furniture, office space and equipment, secretarial - interpretor - translator and related assistants necessary to the successful implementation of the program;

b. Pay costs of land, building, improvements, local materials and labor necessary to the effectiveness of the ~~ex~~ work of the Director and staff;

c. Provide transportation within Saudi Arabia

BELIEVE NOT APPLICABLE

of Director and staff(as well as transportation)(Costs to and from the United States of America of Saudi Arabians nominated under Article III,paragraph b)

ARTICLE

d. Assign appropriate (technicians)(?) and whatever other Saudi Arabian staff are justified by the program to work with the United States Director and his immediate staff.

ARTICLE V

It is understood that the implementation of the project shall be governed by the terms of the above - mentioned General Agreement, Technical Cooperation Administration.

This understanding is to be effective for a period of three years from the date of signature, or until one month after either Government shall have given notice in writing to the other of the intention to terminate said understanding - whichever is earlier.

This understanding is prepared in duplicate and signed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on _____ of _____19 __.

(Samuel S. Stratton) U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia	(H.R.H.Prince Faisal) Minister, Foreign Affairs Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Gen. Moore
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May 28, 1952

QUESTIONS CONCERNING SURVEYS

AERIAL SURVEY

1) Must decide extent.
2) How tie needs of mineral-railroad-water survey together?
3) Will aerial survey be separate contract?
4) Must decide contributions US-SAG.
5) Must decide how allocate US contribution amongst railroad project, natural resources, possibly agriculture,budgets - or will US contribution appear entirely as part of railway budget?
6) See what decided minimum photography needed, and on that basis get estimate of square miles. According to Brown cable, aerial photography costs 3.75 each square mile.
7) Cable from DC inquires concerning contemplated aerial photography budget for mineral railroad survey. Does Washington think in terms of separate aerial contract and separate agreement with SAG?

MOSAICS

1) Cable sites 120,000 dollars for mosaic compliation for two-year water project. Must decide amount mosaics needed mineral, railroad, agriculture programs.

2) Will cost of mosaics be divided amongst several budgets? Cost estimate mosaics 1.12 per square mile.

3) If above figure is in natural resources budget what is estimated total natural resources budget?

STRIP PHOTOGRAPHY

1) Must decide whether strip photography will be borne and thus part of winning engineer bid - either done directly by them but subcontracted.

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ROUTES

1) Washington cable refers SE Gildea route.
2) Gildea detail report mentions North route - originally King's first choice.
3) MinFinance letter wants to know what is best route.

KINDS OF CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

1) Possibly might need the following:
   a) Aerial photo contract
   b) Project agreement with SAG covering photography.

2) Engineering contract for railroad survey and agreement SAG-US for survey

3) Mineral survey separate or under projected natural resources agreement.

   .....Under all of these agreements, must decide on obligations, rights, monetary and other contributions.

JOINT FUNDS

This might be a way to handle railroad agreement.

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May 31, 1952

(Proposed project agreement re Agriculture)

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ARTICLE II

In accordance with the request for technical assistance in various fields of agriculture as presented by the Government of Saudi Arabia in notes no. 4111 and no. 4112 of March 16, 1952, it is proposed that the two Governments initiate a cooperative project. The principle objective of this project shall be to assist in the improvement of the well-being of the people of Saudi Arabia by the development of a program for extending and

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expanding present agricultural services, and by a comprehensive survey of Saudi Arabia agricultural needs and conditions. This survey is to be followed by the planning and establishment of demonstration farms, the improvement of field crops, pasture lands and livestock; agricultural extension service and training, including training in improved techniques of land use, irrigation and reclamation of desert lands; and services to provide for prevention and control of plant disease.

ARTICLE III

As a means of fulfilling this program, the Technical Cooperation Administration shall provide, within the limits of available funds, for the following:

a. Personnel

Chief agriculturist; agricultural entomologist; extension specialist in irrigation; extension specialist for training in extension methods; soil specialist; animal and poultry specialist; and any other specialists as may later be agreed upon by the respective Governments.

The experts shall be selected and appointed by the Government of the United States of America but shall be acceptable to the Government of Saudi Arabia. They will work with the appropriate departments of the Government of Saudi Arabia. The Government of the United States of America will pay the salaries and allowances of these personnel as well as the cost of their travel and transportation of their personal effects to Saudi Arabia and return, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States of America.

b. Training

Trainees nominated by the Saudi Arabian Government and acceptable to the Technical Cooperation Administration will, to an extent later to be agreed upon, be given specialized training in the United States. The Government of the United States is to pay for tuition, subsistence and travel of trainees during their stay in the United States.

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c. Equipment

Equipment and materials necessary to the effectiveness of experts work, but not obtainable in Saudi Arabia, will be supplied by the United States Government to the extent subsequently to be agreed upon

ARTICLE IV

The Government of Saudi Arabia, in order to bear a fair share of the cost of program, agrees to:

a. Provide suitable housing accommodations and furniture, office space and equipment, secretarial-interpretor-translator and related assistants necessary to the successful implementation of the project,

b. Pay cost of land, buildings, improvements, local materials and labor necessary to the effectiveness of the experts work,

c. Provide transportation within Saudi Arabia of United States experts as well as transportation costs to and from the United States of America of Saudi Arabians nominated under Article III, paragraph b.,

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d. Assign appropriate technicians and whatever other Saudi Arabian staff are justified by the project to work with the United States technicians.

ARTICLE V

It is understood that the implementation of the project shall be governed by the terms of the above - mentioned General Agreement, Technical Cooperation Administration.

This understanding is to be effective for a period of three years from the date of signature, or until one month after either Government shall have given notice in writing to the other of the intention to terminate said understanding - whichever is earlier.

This understanding is prepared in duplicate and signed at the Ministry of _____ on _____.

_____	_____
(Samuel S. Stratton) U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia	Minister, _____ Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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Chron
(sent to Hussein
May 31)

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 26, 1952

Your Royal Highness:

I have the honor to refer to the note of May 17, 1952, from the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Embassy of the United States of America in Jidda. In accordance with the procedure suggested by Ambassador Hare in his note to Your Royal Highness, the Royal Ministry's request was forwarded to the office of Dr. Stratton, United States Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia.

The note of May 17, 1952, requests that the necessary arrangements be made to carry out a program of DDT spraying in the Al Katif - Al Hofuf - Al Kharj areas of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the purpose of malaria control.

In order to determine the feasibility and possible scope of the project, it is suggested that a meeting be arranged between Your Royal Highness your representative and the representative of the Technical Cooperation Administration. At this meeting, it would also be possible to discuss the feasibility of bringing a TCA malarial control expert from the United States to make a thorough field study in order to secure basic information concerning the type of program indicated, namely: area to be sprayed; type of terrain; size of population and density; whether spray should be limited to villages, oases, homes or to larger area; type of mosquito, breeding places, etc.; methods to be used - whether by plane, power pump or hand pumps; type of spray best suited to area; probable duration; extent of project; and type of supplies and equipment needed.

It is proposed that the Technical Cooperation Administration of the United States pay the salary of the expert and the cost of his travel to and from the United States. The Saudi Arabian Government would provide housing and office accommodations and bear all transportation and field costs of his work while conducting the survey.

His Royal Highness,
Prince Abdullah El-Faysal,
Minister of Interior and Public Health,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

If facts acquired by the survey indicate the project to be feasible, plans would then be prepared jointly by representatives of the two Governments, and an agreement drawn up covering details of the program. This agreement would cover the contribution in kind and money of the respective governments.

It is the wish of the Point 4 staff in Saudi Arabia to be of the greatest possible assistance to the Saudi Arabian Government and to conform to all requests within the scope of funds available.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Royal Highness the assurances of my highest consideration.

Very truly yours,

Samuel S. Stratton

FOR THE AMBASSADOR:

FOR: Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Mecca.

No. 1/2/4/804
23/8/1371
May 17, 1952.

The Saudi Arabian Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Jidda and refers to the letter of His Royal Highness Minister of Health No. 3852/774 of 27/7/1371 (April 22, 1952) addressed to His Excellency the Ambassador of the United States of America in Jidda requesting the aid of the Government of the United States of America in executing the program of technical cooperation, and particularly to what was stated in the first article of the said letter, by making disease control operations with special reference to malaria.

The Ministry has the honor to request that the necessary arrangements be made with the appropriate authorities, in order that spraying D.D.T. in the eastern part of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in "Al Katief", "Al Hafouf" and "Al Kharj" areas be continued for the control of malaria and mosquitoes removing malaria, on the basis of "Point Four Program" according to what was stated in the letter of His Royal Highness referred to here above.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

To the Embassy of the United States of America,

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May 29, 1952

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OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Current Status of Obligated and Unobligated Funds, May and June, 1952.

The enclosure is a statement of obligated and unobligated funds for the Finance and Program group. This information was given to us by the Embassy. As we have no information on the Natural Resources Field Party, none can be included.

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

May 28, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Stratton

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Current Status of Obligated and Unobligated Funds, May and June, 1952.

The current status of obligated and unobligated funds, May and June, 1952, is as follows:

PROGRAM DIRECTION

Total unobligated funds:	3,956.89
During month of May, obligated:	1,033.82

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BREAKDOWN

Stratton trip to Dhahran	172.00
First salary, boatman	28.37
First half allowances	158.85
Per Diem Cairo trip	
Betzig	42.75
Stratton	42.75
Second salary, boatman	20.90
Second half allowances	181.54
Petty purchases (painting and scraping of launch)	84.16
TOTAL	731.32

Obligated, but not paid:	
Stratton Yemen trip:	
Estimate	260.00
Telegrams, Estimate	50.00
For June, need to obligate	
porterage, dockage: truck and Chevrolet	50.00
Allowances:	365.00
Plus cost furniture from Cairo	

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FINANCE GROUP

Unobligated balance for June	6,990
Obligated and spent in May	3,382.91
First allowances, including Kennedy separation allowance	1,663.73
Second allowances, including Dr. Young accumulative	1,719.18
Total obligated, May This includes 586.46 in payment of supplies ordered U. S.	3,969.37
Estimated obligations June allowances leaving approximately 6,000 possibly unobligated by the end of Fiscal 52.	730.76

... We ought to do something to obligate these funds if possible.

Monthly breakdown of this type will be provided henceforth.

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 29, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Bey Husseini

FROM: Office of U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

RE: Supplies

Due to the continuing pending shipment of supplies to the American Embassy, it would be appreciated if you could procure the following supplies to be used in the offices of the Technical Cooperation Administration:

2 reams white onionskin (or "flimsy") paper, size 8 x 10½

Your kind consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

(for) Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 29, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Michael George

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Personnel Status of Mrs. George

A letter of May 7 from Washington received today informs us of the following:

"Mrs. George is on duty as State Department employee in Washington. She will begin FSI orientation Friday, May 9. She is on duty with the understanding that the Department will pay her travel expenses to Jidda. After arrival Jidda she understands that she will be transferred to local employee status because she then will not be available to the Department on a world wide basis. She will have the same status, rights and privileges as any other local employee. She will leave Washington for Jidda around June 1."

As we hear further information, we shall get in touch with you.

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

cc: Embassy

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 31, 1952.

MEMORANDUM TO: TCA Staff

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: Notification of Receipt of Supplies and Equipment, and Reports of Any Incompletness or Damages in Shipment

This memorandum is being sent to inform you that effective this date our offices will forward to the Embassy copies of all Bills of Lading, Purchase Orders, and Notifications of Shipment. The Embassy is notifying the Department of the receipt of all supplies and equipment. In case any incompleteness or damage is found in a shipment, TCA notifies the Embassy which in turn notifies the Department.

The Embassy is maintaining a perpetual file on TCA purchase orders and notifications of shipments from Howard Pyfe. We forward to the Embassy all copies of same. They handle clearance through customs and all necessary paper work.

Therefore, the records of purchases, receipts, and claims covering supplies and equipment purchased for TCA from Washington will be maintained by the Embassy.

Any suggestions or comments you may have concerning this procedure will be appreciated.

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

cc: Mr. Schubert Smith
Dr. Thomas A.Hart
(TCA, Washington)

Chron

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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May 31, 1952
Dictated May 29

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

Dr. Thomas A. Hart
Chief, Country Division NEADS
Technical Cooperation Administration
Department of State

Dear Tom:

This will be a personal letter to you, first to tell you that I have just returned from traveling since May 11 when I went to Riyadh and Dhahran with the Ambassador and Mr. Byroade, with only a 45 minute stop at Jidda again before going on to Yemen with the Ambassador.

In a separate letter I shall report to you officially on both the Riyadh and Yemen trips.

May I say here my frank reactions to the Yemen situation which will perhaps not be included in my report. In the first place, we have been trying to conclude a general agreement with Yemen, for I believe, nearly two years. The Yemen Government, however, still insists that it is "different" from all other Near East countries and must be given special treatment. In short, they object to the term "Mutual Security" since they interpret "security" to mean interference with their interior affairs; and, too, they object to the clause in our general agreement which has to do with reports and publicity. We spent hours discussing the general agreement with them, but they feel that the Egyptian general agreement in so far as it treats, or doesn't treat, "reports and publicity", is more suitable to them.

I realize it is not for me to dictate the terms of a general agreement. This is a matter for the Ambassador. Nevertheless, my personal opinion is that we should make no further compromises, and that they should accept the draft of the general agreement which we left with them or reject it as they see fit.

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The country, as you know, is very backward and the Government very suspicious of Point 4 or of any other foreign penetration. On the one hand, it is a country which could, if it would, greatly profit from Point 4 assistance; on the other hand, I am naive enough to wonder whether or not the Yemen is of any strategic importance to our Government.

Certainly I hope that you will keep in mind that if the general agreement is signed by the Yemen Government, there are very primitive living conditions available for TCA personnel. To the best of my knowledge the only European women living in either San'a or Ta'izz are a Russian woman doctor and her assistant who is possibly a Syrian or Lebanese.

The general agreement mentions providing housing and transportation, but I am sure the Department must have reports on living conditions in the Yemen which would indicate to you the nature of such "housing" that might be available.

Yemen is, of course, a fascinating country - excellent climate and beautiful scenery. If the general agreement is signed, I would most certainly suggest that you visit San'a and Ta'izz before you start a recruiting program.

I have spent most of the day going through correspondence which has piled up during my absence and shall discuss these matters with you, or as you suggest with Mr. Fryer, at the earliest possible moment.

Included in the correspondence are one or two things which I want to discuss with you personally. There is a copy of a letter dated May 25 directed to you from Dr. Young. He mentions that he wrote to you in a letter of May 20, which I have not seen, about Halstead and that Mrs. Young has received a letter from Mrs. Louis M. Smith. I do not know how Dr. Young was informed with regard to Halstead, for the only information I find of him in my correspondence is the letter dated April 29 which you wrote to Ed and a telegram recently arrived which says that Halstead and Smith with their wives will arrive August 1.

I do not question your recruitment of Halstead and Smith. I am sure that as things are developing we need them and can make use of them, and I have every confidence in your judgment in sending us the right sort of people. From the point of view of the administration of this office, however, I am disturbed that you correspond with Dr. Young and Mrs. Young with regard to people who are coming out here on my staff.

I have tried to be understanding with both Dr. Young and Mr. Brown, realizing their positions and their reluctance to be considered any part of Point 4. I think I have been making progress in a slow way, but it must be confusing to new arrivals to be refered in the first instance to the Youngs, and it does not make it easy for me to build a proper organization.

Also, in my correspondence is a letter written by Dr. Brown to Najib Bey under date of May 26. I note that a copy of it has been sent to you, among others. You will observe that Dr. Brown's signature does not indicate in any way his connection with TCA. In view of the fact that I have repeatedly made it clear to the Finance Minister, to Najib Bey and to other government officials that all technical experts are on the TCA staff, it is confusing to them and detrimental to our program to have this continued subtle suggestion that the water resources people and the finance group are connected only faintly, if at all, with the TCA program.

This matter is, of course, essentially my problem, and it is my intention to handle it. I simply want you to know that if you hear any repercussions that I have been patient and tried to be understanding for many weeks.

Housing is still very short, yet it is my understanding that houses must be furnished for Blowers and some new assistant, a McLeod. At Riyadh I told Najib Bey that I would be very much disappointed if TCA staff could not be ~~included~~ recruited because homes being built for TCA staff were assigned to Blowers and McLeod. He, of course, replied that that would not happen to us, but in this country what people promise you does not always coincide with results.

I shall make every effort to get down to brass tacks with Prince Abdullah Faisal on health and education projects before he leaves, with what success I do not know for he is vague and seems to have little authority of his own. In any event I hope you will have a chance to talk with him when he is in Washington and also with his interpretor, Mohammed Effendi. He speaks excellent English and is a very fine young man.

Both the Finance Minister and Najib Bey, in connection with our discussions of the railroad survey, promised that they would implement at the same time projects in public health and education. If they fail to do so, I am sure there are ways of slowing up progress on the thing that they most desire - namely, the railroad survey.

I know that Betzig has sent you information on the Saudi Arabian contribution to TCA activities. In a sense they may be underestimated, because the houses and cars, local employees, etc. which are provided us are very costly in this country. Najib Bey mentioned a guess that perhaps since its inception, or at least since the inception of the water survey and the Finance Mission, the Saudi Government has contributed possibly more than the U. S. Government and certainly more than other Near East countries.

With regard to Mr. Johnson of Aramco, I did meet him when I was in Dhahran. I particularly asked to meet him because you had spoken of him, but I was disappointed to find that he was brought into the Vice President's office to meet me with several other persons and therefore I had no other opportunity to talk with him at length in a personal way. In fact, he said very little although I did convey your warm regards to him. I am not sure of his position and influence at Aramco, but I can say that the President and Vice President of the company are very cordial and have been extremely helpful.

I did not meet Sheik Abdullah bin Adwan at Dhahran, but I did ask Mr. Bishop (and confirmed my request in writing to Mr. Bishop) to tell him of your helpfulness in securing the copper wire for him. On my next visit to Dhahran, I shall make particular point of seeing Sheik Abdullah bin Adwan.

When you consider the difficulties of implementing a program in a country where everything must be referred to His Majesty for action and referred through not over one or two influential people, I think we have made considerable progress here. We are now in the month of Ramadan which, believe me, sews things up; but I feel that before the year has passed we shall have all the projects agreed to, ~~and~~ By exchange of letters, underway.

The arrival of chiefs of technical field groups will greatly expedite our projects.

There have been times when it has seemed to me that for the best interest of the TCA program in Saudi Arabia, I should return to Washington and make crystal clear our problems and our prospects, and to clarify matters in a way which cannot be done by an exchange of letters and telegrams. This whole question of the railroad survey and geological survey, it seems to me, is a good example where frank consultations based on knowledge of the situation and conditions here would have been helpful. However, in view of the fact that my commitment is for one year only and that you will come out here, or at least to Theran this summer, I am not raising the question of returning for consultations.

In general, I might say for the long-term aspects of TCA I believe it would be worthwhile if your country directors after several weeks experience in a country were called back for exahange of information in Washington. I certainly hope that you will make every effort to come to the Middle East this summer, and of course personally I hope you will visit us in Jidda. I cannot overemphasize the importance of your visiting us "on the ground",so to speak, and becoming aware of the problems and of the great possibilities for a successful program in this country.

All best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 31, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Bey Husseini

FROM: Mr. Edward Betzig

RE: List of Names and Titles of Saudi Arabian Officials

Would you have available two or three copies of a list of names and titles of the various Saudi Arabian officials with whom it is likely that the TCA mission will come in contact--- for example: ministers of Interior and Public Health, Foreign Affairs, etc. and of any other Government officials located in Jidda or Riyadh.

Your kind assistance in obtaining such a listing is appreciated.

Edward Betzig
Assistant Program Officer

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

May 31, 1952

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OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Thomas A. Hart

FROM: Dr. Samuel S. Stratton

RE: Malaria Control Request

Enclosed are copies of the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for malaria control project and of the letter response to Prince Abdullah Faisal.

Samuel S. Stratton
U. S. Director of Technical
Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

Enclosures